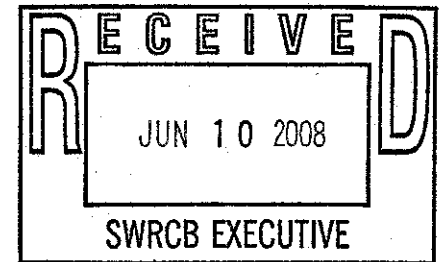


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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Dear Ms. Townsend, Staff and Members of the Board:

I am writing to urge you to take a broad view on the issue of adding anything to the cost of construction and then take this first specific action to prevent costs from increasing unnecessarily.

The costs of construction in California, like the costs of most other things here, are spiraling upward, propelled by the fuel of foolish and single-minded legislation. The means and methods of water pollution prevention and containment currently required, do not need to be augmented or made more stringent.

California has an extremely high standard for preventing contaminants related to construction operations and debris from ever making it to the project site in the first place. Our older structures, built without the benefit of knowledge of current risks, are more concerning, but at any given time our buildings are ahead of the curve as far as matching the environmental standard that followed.

Take the time and monies allocated to supporting this piece of legislation and reallocate it to fund the clean-up and rehabilitation of older structures built prior to the implementation of current water pollution and other polluting standards.

Battle this problem from both ends. Realize that the development and promotion of products that do not create a hazard is far more advantageous than legislating and crippling the means and methods of construction. Concede that those buildings in place that have more potential pollutants incorporated into them will life-cycle through and with the influx of the monies allocated away from degenerative solutions, the cycle will come to a close that much sooner.

Conversely, anything that goes into adding to the costs of construction has a twofold affect. First it delays new construction and/or replacement of existing structures delaying the overall increase in achieving buildings that meet the current standards. Second, the increased costs drive yet another segment of the construction taking place underground; where it is performed not only without meeting the water pollution standards, but by unlicensed contractors, potentially by illegal workers, without permits and with a total lack of inspections for safety and compliance.

In closing, the complete and utter failure, in general, of preventing water that travels through our storm system to the Bay from being clean upon its arrival, was not solely the creation of the construction industry. A system of revised storm water collection,

filtration and then re-release back into the Bay is far superior and far-sighted than penalizing and impeding progress.

Sincerely,

Ted P. Cavallini,  
A Concerned Citizen