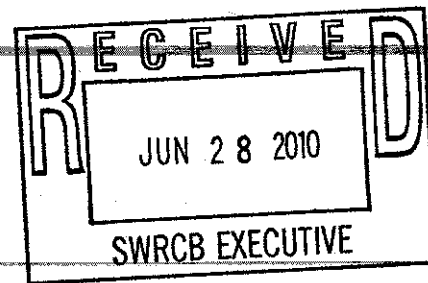


commentletters - Comment Letter-Malibu Septic Prohibition

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Subject: Comment Letter-Malibu Septic Prohibition



Dear Mr. Hoppin:

We understand the State Water Resource Control Board ("State Board") is accepting public comments on the "proposed approval of an amendment to the water quality control plan for the Los Angeles region to prohibit on-site wastewater disposal in the Malibu Civic Center area".

I am writing to express my opposition to the resolution the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted on Nov. 5, 2009 to prohibit discharges from existing and new septic systems for two reasons;

1. Where my residence is located in relation to the water quality in question.
2. This is going to cost a lot of money and we need to make sure we are implementing a solution that will actually improve water quality.

The Knolls doesn't contribute to the pollution in the impaired water bodies, due to its elevation, distance from the water bodies and length of time for our dispersants. The Knolls elevation is roughly 200 ft. which gives enough separation distance from ground water and dispersants. RWQCB required 5-10 feet vertical separation. In a 2004 Stone report, it states that the travel time for dispersants from the Knolls takes 50 years to reach the ocean. In that length of time, the bacteria has been removed. We are about 1/4-1/2 mile away from the impaired water bodies.

The proposed ban places an unnecessary and penalizing burden on The Knoll residents when they are unable to obtain the market value for their property for an extended period to time. There is a cloud of uncertainty causing diminished property values for an undetermined period of time, especially when a majority of one's net worth is invested in one's home.

Malibu has committed to spend in excess of \$50 million dollars to improve water quality in our beaches. To this end, the City of Malibu has undertaken several studies, at taxpayers' expense, to identify the specific cause of pollution. Many of these studies are being carried out at the request of LA Regional Water Control Board. While it is important to move forward on this issue, it is also important to make sure that when we are done, we will see a significant improvement in water quality. The results from the studies underway in Malibu will provide us with information necessary to arrive at the proper solution. LARWQCB and the City of Malibu should wait for the results and make their decision according to the findings.

As a recent purchaser of property in The Knolls, I share along with the City and LARWQCB the desire to improve ocean water quality. The solution should be one which is rational and scientific, implementable, achieves the desired goal to improve ocean quality and is fiscally responsible. The City is moving forward to achieve these goals.

I am confident that the City will continue to move forward toward improving water quality. For this reason, I urge you to remand the Regional Water Quality Control Board's resolution and request there be collaboration between the RWQCB and the City. Such an action will keep the project moving forward and avoid stagnation in the courts. We all desire improved water quality.

Thank you for your time and consideration of The Knolls in this matter.

Sincerely,

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