

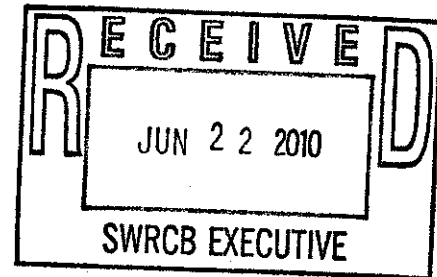
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Public Comment
Malibu Septic Prohibition
Deadline: 6/29/10 by 12 noon

June 17, 2010

Mr. Charles R. Hoppin, Chair
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 1000
Sacramento, Ca 95812



Re: Comment Letter – Malibu Septic Prohibition – Support for the City’s Alternative

Dear Mr. Hoppin and Members of the Board:

We support the Regional Water Quality Control Board’s efforts to put a wastewater system in place, however, we think the alternative wastewater collection system proposed by the City of Malibu would be a better choice.

We are the owner of four parcels of commercial property totaling approximately 12 acres in the Malibu Civic Center. This property has been owned by our family for over 115 years. We have supported every effort towards putting a wastewater collection system in this area. Too many septic systems need regular pumping. There is too much septic odor. There are issues with ground and surface water quality in this community.

The Regional Board’s prohibition covers an area of many residences. Many of these owners are a significant distance from Malibu Creek and Lagoon. Many of these residential owners honestly believe there is no way that their effluent in their septic systems could possibly reach Malibu Creek and Lagoon. The installation of a wastewater collection system will necessitate an assessment district. If the proposed district is the area mandated by the Regional Board, we believe the voters in this area being primarily residential, will probably oppose the formation of the district. Conversely, if the proposed district is the area proposed by the City of Malibu’s plan, there will be fewer residences included in the proposed assessment district and therefore, the proposed assessment district will have a better chance of being approved by the voters.

We believe it would be in the best interests of the People of the State of California and the environment if the State Board remands the proposed amendment back to the Regional Board for reconsideration. This will allow the Regional Board to consider new information and reassess the potential for success of the two approaches. Please support the City of Malibu’s request to have matter remanded to the Regional Board.

Sincerely,
Mariposa Land Company Ltd.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant Adamson".

Grant Adamson, Vice President