June 24, 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 Public Comment
Malibu Septic Prohibition
Deadline: 7/12/10 by 12 noon

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RE; Prohibition of Malibu Septic

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

I am writing with regard to the proposed amendment to the water quality control plan for the Los Angeles region. This amendment prohibits discharge of wastewater from all on-site wastewater systems in an arbitrary Civic Center Area of Malibu, including Malibu Knolls, where I live.

The regional Water Quality Control Board requested that a study be done to determine the influence of waste water on groundwater within the Civic Center area. This study is nearing completion. There are indications that there is virtually no impact on water quality from the Malibu Knolls area.

Everybody is in favor of clean water. Many of those in favor of this amendment do not live in the Civic Center area, they have nothing to lose. If there is no reduction in pollution, its OK, it cost them nothing. For those living in the Civic Center it will have cost each homeowner upward of \$50,000 as I understand it, independent of the results of the prohibition.

I highly recommend that before you put such an oppressive burden on these homeowners (including me) use of the most up to date information on the Civic Center area should be used in the decision process.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this expensive and (according to studies) minimally effective amendment.

Sincerely.

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