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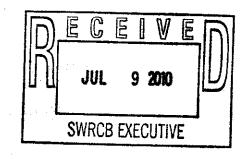
Malibu Septic Prohibition

Deadline: 7/12/10 by 12 noon

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July 2, 2010

Mr. Charles R. Hoppin, Chair
C/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 1000
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Dear Mr. Hoppin:

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

I am an 82-year-old homeowner who has lived the past 40 years in a section of Malibu called Malibu Knolls. In 2007 my home was burned in the wildfires. I have yet to re-build due to the many inherent problems in just securing a building permit. Now I'm being faced to deal with another financial burden by being included in the prohibition and ban of Onsite Waste water Dispersal Systems (OWDS) in the declared Civic Center Area.

I oppose this. The Malibu Knolls Property Owners Association opposes this as well. Like many of my neighbors I am a long time resident on a fixed income. I'm objecting to this for more than just my personal situation and the financial burden it will cause me. I'm objecting to this because it doesn't make sense and because it is not fair.

 Our septic systems have not been shown to be polluting the Lagoon, or the Creek or Surf Rider Beach. According to the Stone Report (2004) the travel time of dispersants from the Knolls OWDS takes 50 years to reach the ocean.

- 2. Our elevation of 200-260 ft. provides enough separation from ground water and travel distance to the impaired water bodies.
- 3. Our Knolls does not contribute to the water table (groundwater) in the Civic Center flowing to the Lagoon.
- 4. This proposed ban would create an extreme financial burden for me. I've been trying for close to 3 years to rebuild my home. I'm not sure I could afford to stay in my home upon its completion if this proposed ban goes through. And the worst part would be I would not be able to sell my house for what it's worth because of this terrible real estate market. I live here by myself with a caregiver. We use very little water.

I love Malibu. I have had a home here since the 60's and I have always hoped I'd live here for the rest of my life. To be forced to move would be heartbreaking for me. I know that there are still a number of studies in place and that the final results have not yet been determined. As a taxpayer and long term resident of Malibu it is my hope that the city will do the right thing and review the findings of all existing studies before they move forward on this ban.

Sincerely,

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Jim Thorsen, City Manager, City of Malibu

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