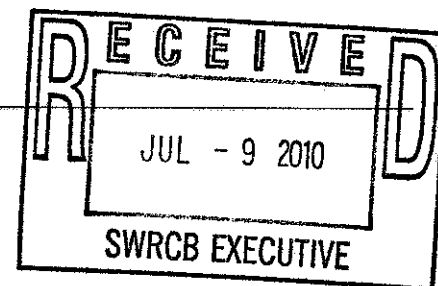


commentletters - Waste Disposal Malibu Civic Center Area

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July 9, 2010

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

As a resident of Malibu I understand that the State Water Resource Control Board is accepting comments from the public on the topic of Waste Disposal in the Malibu Civic Center Area. As a homeowner this topic concerns me greatly. Though I live on the ocean several miles away from the Civic Center (CC) I believe that the suggested ban on septic tanks, if approved for the CC, without so much as proof positive that the pollution is caused by septic tanks, will eventually impact all of Malibu.

I attended the meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on November 5, 2009 and I feel that absolutely no scientific studies have been made to determine where the pollution is coming from. We know that other cities located on the ocean which have sewers and their water is polluted. I know the City of Malibu is now conducting studies and I believe these studies should be considered prior to recommending a costly solution not based on factual scientific studies. I make the analogy of asking a doctor for a heart transplant without the benefit of x-rays or some proof that the procedure is necessary.

I am definitely in favor of having clean water in our homes as well as the ocean, my backyard, but to do so prior to analyzing the source of the pollution is a total waste of money. If it is determined that the present proposal is justified then it should be implemented, however, if science determines that the source of the pollution is coming from other communities or not from septic tanks currently in use, then another plan should be considered.

I know that the developers of condos and housing tracts would love to have sewers so they can build and change the nature of our rural community. My plea to you is to slow down and consider whatever information comes from the tax payer paid studies the City of Malibu is currently conducting.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my comments.

Sincerely:

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