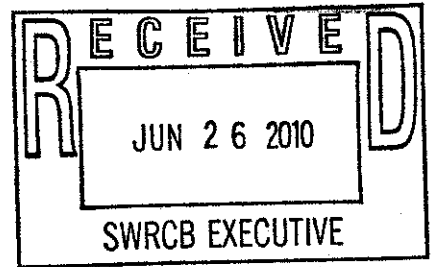


Public Comment
Malibu Septic Prohibition
Deadline: 7/12/10 by 12 noon

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Dear Mr. Hoppin:

This letter is in reference to the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to prohibit existing and new septic disposal systems in the Malibu Civic Center area.

My husband and I are long time Malibu residents, currently renting in the Knolls area, about 1/2 mile up the canyon from Civic Center, Malibu Lagoon, and Surfrider Beach.

With all due respect, the City of Malibu has taken the issue of clean water and ocean seriously for many years and has already spent in excess of \$50 million researching the source of pollution at our expense. Many of these studies have been requested by the LA Regional Water Control Board. It would seem prudent to wait for the results of these studies before rushing to judgment and forcing a prohibitively expensive sewer system on our neighborhood without knowing for sure the source of bacteria.

We were homeowners and full time residents on the ocean side of Malibu Road for many years. We care deeply about our environment. It would be shameful to put us through this drastic and costly change and later find that not only are our septic tanks not responsible for the pollution, but that a sewer at sea level could be more dangerous. It seems to us that we are reading about sewage spills and beach closures in neighborhoods to the south of us all the time.

We think the RWQCB and the City of Malibu should be patient and work together responsibly to resolve this issue. We urgently request you to remand the Regional Water Quality Board's resolution.

Sincerely,
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