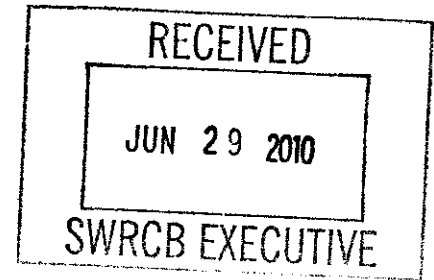


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June 23, 2010

Mr. Charles R. Hoppin, Chair
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Comment Letter – Malibu Septic Prohibition

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

I am writing to you on behalf of the parishioners of Our Lady of Malibu Catholic Church and School in opposition to the resolution the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted on November 5, 2009 to prohibit discharges from existing and new septic systems in Malibu's Civic Center area. We are in total support of the Malibu Community-Based Wastewater Treatment Solution because it is a more targeted, technically feasible and politically achievable plan.

Our Church and Elementary School are situated in what is referred to as the "Winter Canyon" area, so we are not technically in the "Civic Center" area, but have been included into the Civic Center by the Regional Board. The City of Malibu's proposal for a Wastewater Treatment Plan does not include "Winter Canyon." If Malibu has to adopt the "Regional Board" plan, Our Lady of Malibu will have no choice but to close our doors and cease to exist. The cost to our parish, a non-profit existing on weekly donations, would be so prohibitive that we could not stay. Our land and buildings would become worthless (who would buy property that can't be used), and the cost of relocating would be impossible.

I would like to explain our situation and what the Regional Board's proposal would mean to our faith community. We are a parish that covers one of the largest geographical area in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, serving parishioners from Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Topanga. We have 1000 Catholic families registered in the parish. The parish was established in 1948, first with a church and then in 1958 an elementary school covering Kindergarten through eighth grade. Our families depend on Our Lady of Malibu to be there to baptize their children when they are born, they know that we will be there to instruct them on Sundays at the Religious Education Classes, see them through their First Communion and later their Confirmation. In a few years we see them walking down the aisle in the sacrament of Matrimony. Sad to say, will also officiate at their funerals. The point is, this church is a big part of their lives – every major event in their lives usually happens here at their church.

We have an elementary school with 140 students in nine grades – a very special place for children to learn, grow, explore, and develop critical thinking skills and values that prepare them to excel in life. At OLM they will develop a lifelong love of learning. In addition to a strong academic program that includes creative writing, music, fine arts, technology, athletics, language, we also offer exceptional enrichment programs such as band, orchestra, musical theatre, Great Books, and Meet the Masters Art series. As a faith-based school, our Catholic tradition is the foundation of the values that guide us. I have attached a list of the graduating students to show that they are all going on to the school of their choice, with honors. What will happen to the children that are no longer going to have this wonderful influence in their lives?

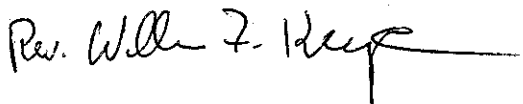
Where are the parishioners going to go? What will happen to all the records that have been kept here for 62 years (Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Funeral records)? These are not just buildings that would be abandoned, this is a faith community where people come to worship God, to grow spiritually, and receive encouragement and direction in shaping their lives. We have a Pastor Emeritus who is 94 years old and who has retired here, in an apartment, built so that he could stay here in the community. He is still a very important spiritual presence at the church. Where will he go?

We are long time residents who have watched Malibu grow and our church has grown with it. We share the State and Regional boards' strong commitment to protecting the public health and improving ocean water quality. We also feel that this can be done by adopting the City of Malibu's Wastewater Treatment Solution for the Civic Center.

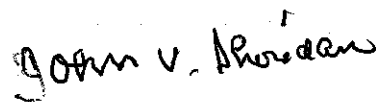
Please take "Winter Canyon" out of the Regional Board's plan and adopt Malibu's Map of the "Civic Center" which targets the users with the highest potential impact of groundwater by focusing on the homes and businesses closest of Malibu Creek. The City's plan has widespread support from the community.

We are sure that the City will continue to move aggressively forward to improve ocean water quality in Malibu. And, we would like to be here to see it happen.

Sincerely,



Rev. William F. Kerze
Pastor



Rev. Msgr. John V. Sheridan
Pastor Emeritus



Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

*Our Lady of Malibu School's
Class of 2010 will be attending the following high schools in September:*

*Robertino Emilio Altieri ~ Loyola High School
Also accepted at Crespi Carmelite High School and Oaks Christian High School*

*Hutton M. Baker ~ Loyola High School
Honors Geometry*

*Tessa Isabella Tejero Bingham ~ Louisville High School
Honors at Entrance
Presidential Scholarship
Also accepted at Marymount High School*

*Samantha Lee Godsick ~ Oak Park High School
Honors placements at Oak Park High School are announced in the Fall*

*William Hodjatie ~ Loyola High School
Honors Geometry
Also accepted at Crespi Carmelite High School with Honors and Oaks Christian High School*

*Brendan David Lewis ~ Loyola High School
Honors Geometry*

*Conor Austin McMahan ~ Crespi Carmelite High School
Also accepted at Loyola High School*

*Anthony James Rogari ~ Loyola High School
Awarded The Rev. Charles R. Gagan S.J. Scholarship as this year's highest ranking applicant at Loyola High School
Honors Geometry*

*Anthony Richard Sall ~ Loyola High School
Honors Geometry
Also accepted at Crespi Carmelite High School with Honors*

*Vincent Tuolumne Scott ~ Viewpoint High School
Also accepted at Crespi Carmelite High School with Honors*

*Colton Hall Wade ~ Oaks Christian High School
Honors at Entrance
Also accepted at Loyola High School
Awarded the Loyola Book Award as ranking among the highest candidates accepted to Loyola High School this year
Perfect Score on Entrance Exam*