



Comment Letter-Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris TMDL due 10.27.2011 Noon

There are Conflict of Interest issues when it comes to the City of Los Angeles and the California Water Boards and the funding source for the City of Los Angeles, Proposition O, a local \$500,000,000 bond.

At least one member of the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board, Francine Diamond, sits on the Citizens Oversight Committee of Proposition O, the City of Los Angeles Bond funding base. There is a Conflict of Interest in this issue.

At least four members of Heal-the-Bay, Mark Gold, Adi Lieberman, Craig Perkins and Dayna Bochco, sit on the Citizens Oversight Committee of Proposition O, the City of Los Angeles Bond funding base. There is a Conflict of Interest in this issue.

Tiger Kang with Pacific American Volunteer Association works with Heal the Bay sits on the Citizens Oversight Committee of Proposition O, the City of Los Angeles Bond funding base. There is a Conflict of Interest in this issue.

Teresa Villegas, an employee of Board of Supervisor Gloria Molina. sits on the Citizens Oversight Committee of Proposition O, the City of Los Angeles Bond funding base. There is a Conflict of Interest in this issue.

Cynthia McClain-Hill, principal of Strategic Counsel PLC, registered lobbying firm, sits on the Citizens Oversight Committee of Proposition O, the City of Los Angeles Bond funding base. There is a Conflict of Interest in this issue.

There are also ethical issues regarding Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Santa Monica Bay Foundation and Heal-the-Bay that should be addressed.

The TMDL process must include solution-based approach. An Adaptive Management strategy should be engaged. This is the approach taken by the scientists in their approach to Climate Change in the Southern California Bight: Integrating Science and the Societal Implications at the USC Dornsife College Conference. Sometimes, it is a small change that can affect the problem with little capital outlay, but facts are needed for the analysis.

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