



May 9, 2014

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk
State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Via email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

**RE: State Water Quality Control Board's Proposed TMDL Amendment Regarding Copper
Paint in Marina del Rey**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

As a longtime sailor, I have been boating in Marina del Rey because our community offers recreational boating opportunities not available elsewhere in Los Angeles County. The Marina del Rey Harbor offers boaters easy access to the ocean and amenities not available in other harbors. I object to the Los Angeles Regional Water Control Board's proposed TMDL Amendment regarding copper paints in Marina del Rey.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board is proposing a complex set of regulations and enforcements to comply with the reduction of copper-based paints on boats. These regulations are onerous, unfair and not based on solid science or economic analysis.

Boaters are sensitive to the environment and the need to maintain and enhance water quality. Nevertheless, boaters believe that regulations should be fair and achievable so as to not destroy a vital recreational program in our community. The proposed water regulations need to be evaluated by experts familiar with the effect of various pollutants on our marina.

The Water Board has adopted an unrealistic ten year deadline to reduce copper to very low levels and boaters and anchorages could be sued for damages.

Please allow our boating community sufficient time to address the issues of the proposed TMDL. Many boaters are still unaware of these proposed regulations as there has been insufficient outreach to our community.

Please deny the Los Angeles Regional Water Control Board's TMDL Amendment regarding the use of copper paint in Marina del Rey.

Sincerely,

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