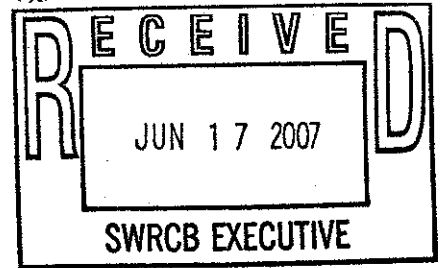


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6/12/07 Workshop  
Suction Dredge Mining  
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Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

No matter what the outcome of this hearing on waste discharge from the Bodega Bay Marine Lab, it is technically illegal at the state and county levels to even put a composting (waterless) toilet into use in Sonoma County, the local water quality control board and the County PRMD (permits and resource management division) stubbornly refuse to allow for the use of these alternative toilets.

The University of British Columbia's C. K. Choi Asian Studies building, a building much much larger than the Bodega Bay Marine Lab, uses composting toilets :

**Green Buildings**

Campus structures that are championing sustainability and winning awards.  
<http://www.sustain.ubc.ca/greenbuilding.html>

as does the Cobb Hill, Vermont, co-housing development, along with many other public and private locales:

<http://www.compostingtoilet.com/Public/BUILDING/found.htm>

This all ends up begging the question WHY does the State Water Resources Control Board violate the Basin Plan (of the Clean Water Act) mandate to actively seek out new technology (and at lower costs !) while abusing its discretion to the detriment of the general public it is sworn to serve ?

I fail to see how waterless, hence no discharge, toilets can NOT be considered a viable alternative in the Bodega Bay Marine Lab case, or any other case where pollution is a potential hazard in Sonoma County.

But the local water quality control board with jurisdiction in Sonoma County (Region 1) never fails to amaze me.

Respectfully submitted,

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