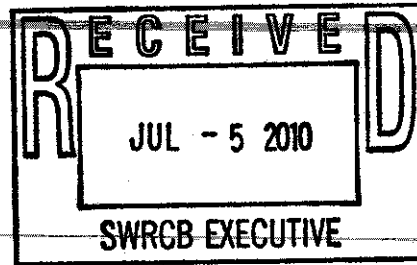


commentletters - Comment Letter – Malibu Septic Prohibition

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Dear Mr. Hoppin:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my elderly grandmother, Madalene M. Fobert, who has lived in the Malibu Knolls area of Malibu since 1952. She and my grandfather raised five children there. And I currently live with her and take care of her. We understand that the State Water Resource Control Board is interested in public comments about the proposed approval of an amendment to the water quality control plan for the Malibu Civic Center area.

The City of Malibu continues to invest a lot of taxpayer money on water quality studies, including one nearing completion. The Report from the Regional Water Quality Control Board did NOT prove that it is septic tanks that pollute the area water. The Stone Report of 2004 also showed that the Knolls area did NOT contribute to the pollution of the Malibu Lagoon area. Our house is elevated on a hill and located some distance from the Civic Center area. My grandmother lives on a modest budget and has even had to take out a Reverse Mortgage for her to get by with her daily expenses. My grandfather is deceased. The proposed ban places an unnecessary financial burden on her.

Since I live with her, I share the desire to improve the local water quality. I don't even like to surf in Malibu because of poor water quality. We strongly urge you to remand the Regional Water Quality Control Board's resolution and request collaboration between the Board and the City of Malibu. This will keep the project moving forward and avoid involvement with the court system.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the people in The Knolls area who are incorrectly lumped into the areas affecting the Civic Center area.

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