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Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Amendment to revise the Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Marina del Rey Toxic Pollutants

I have owned a boat kept in Marina del Rey for the past thirty years. I am opposed to the proposed TMDL Amendment by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for the reasons listed below:

1. Marina del Rey harbor was created to house boats and provide marine recreation for citizens interested in doing so and not the protection of sea life. No endangered species is dependent for its survival in Marina del Rey.

2. I do not agree that boaters are the responsible parties and therefore are not liable for the copper pollution in the marina. The only water entrance to the marina is built next to a major storm drain, Ballona Creek. The water from Ballona Creek enters the Marina carrying with it pollutants from a large area of Los Angeles County. These include copper from car brakes. The streets adjacent to the Marina also empty into the marina waters. The marina is a large hole that collects pollutants discharged into its waters. There is not a second exit allowing the water to circulate the pollutants back out to sea. This is a design flaw and to hold boaters accountable for the resulting pollution is unjust and unacceptable.

3. I understand that it is planned that I will have to pay \$1094 for a Waste Discharged Permit and pay several thousand dollars to strip and paint my boat. I am now a senior citizen living on a fixed income. These costs will make boating too expensive forcing me to quit an activity that fills my retirement with enjoyment in caring for the boat, day sailing, cruising and engaging in the company of other boaters. I have been averaging over a thousand miles a year sailing my boat. I spend a lot of time on the boat and in Marina del Rey. Loss of boating would greatly impair the quality of my life.

Therefore, the State Water Control Board should reject the TMDL Amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cloyd Milton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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