



Dear State Water Control Board,

I am submitting this letter in suggesting approval of the negative declaration affecting small septic tanks.

My sister and myself have inherited my fathers home built in 1964. It has a septic tanks wastewater system. This system has been in operation for 50 years now. We do not currently live at the home but are maintaining it in good condition.

When I first learned that the State of California was considering banning our existing septic tank system, I learned the following. The Callegus Creek Watershed, fed by one of many creeks in the almost exclusive agricultural farming area here in Ventura County, had a identified high nitrate level issue. Well, as you know, nitrogen fertilizers are used extensively here in agriculture. There is significant nitrogen added to the streambed's from these sources. The contribution from our tiny septic tank is very minimal if at all detectable/quantifiable. This is a simple issue.

Therefore, I support and agree with the recent negative declaration and initial study.

Thank You,

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