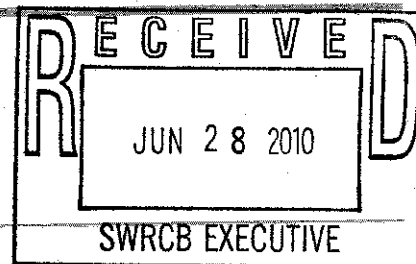


Public Comment
 Malibu Septic Prohibition
 Deadline: 7/12/10 by 12 noon

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Subject: Malibu Septic Prohibition



Dear Mr. Hoppin:

In anticipation of your meeting to review the septic ban in Malibu, I am writing to express my opposition to the breath of resolution the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted on Nov. 5, 2009 to prohibit discharges from existing and new septic systems.

The RWQCB septic ban includes the area of Malibu Knolls. Including the Knolls area ignores the facts that:

- a) The Knolls is on a ridgeline 200 feet above the Civic Center Area
- b) The Knolls is ¼ to ½ a mile away from the ocean or lagoon. The Stone Report of 2004 states that the travel time of dispersants from the Knolls OWDS takes 50 years to reach the ocean. In that time, bacteria are removed from the OWDS discharge
- c) All studies indicate that ground water flows from the Knolls flow away from Malibu Creek, Malibu Lagoon and Surfrider Beach
- d) The stormwater/wastewater improvement projects currently being implemented (Legacy Park) and those planned for the future (wastewater treatment Plant for the Commercial Civic Center Area and Serra Retreat) have concluded that the Knolls area is not contributing to pollution in the creek, lagoon or ocean.
- e) Heal the Bay, and organization that has been intimately involved in Malibu Wastewater studies from the beginning agrees there are no studies that identify the Knolls area as a contributor to pollution in the Creek, lagoon or beach.

I, like the majority of Malibu Residents, want to clean up the waters in Malibu Creek, Malibu Lagoon and Surfrider Beach. The City of Malibu has developed a plan to accomplish this and I encourage you to review, consider and adopt that plan.

Thank you.

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