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Re. Opposition To Proposed Amendment to the Los Angeles Regional Basin Plan To Revise the Total Maximum Daily Loads for Marina del Rey Toxic Pollutants

I would like to begin by expressing that I am not a wealthy person and the additional expenses that will be required by the proposed by the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board, will mean the end of my boat ownership and of many of my boat owning friends. Not only does that take away something I love, but the taxes I pay on my boat, the fees I pay to the marina, the fuel I purchase in the marina, the meals I eat in the area, the marine supplies I buy at the local chandlery...

Don't get me wrong, I AM environmentally concerned, I have re-landscaped my yard to save water, installed low flow toilets, recycle my trash (above and beyond the blue-green-black bin requirements), I purchase products that are conscientious about the environment... I do believe that global warming is real and that we must make changes, but the changes you're recommending are not founded in sound science, and are a waste of not only boat owner's money, but tax payer money. Again, I am a strong supporter in doing what is needed to improve our environment, but it MUST be based in sound science, and the monies spent MUST be spent efficiently on projects that make a difference. The results of this proposed amendment does NOT warrant the costs that are proposed by this amendment, not even including the incalculable additional money that will come from the boating community, and the community that generates business from that community.

Although I was notified by mail of the proposal, there was never any warning in the notice about the onerous burdens that would be placed on boaters, such as naming us as "Responsible Parties" and thus liable for copper pollution in the Marina.

As the owner of a boat anchored in Marina del Rey and am opposed to the proposed TMDL Amendment by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**The State Water Control Board should reject the TMDL Amendment.**

Sincerely,

**Jonathan Gathrid**

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Boat owner

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