



To: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Sacramento, California

I have continuously owned boats in Marina Del Rey since June 1978, right up to the present day. I have regularly paid slip rent and boat storage fees to various Marina Del Rey anchorage operators for every single day of that period. I have paid yacht club dues, and restaurant tabs. I have paid local boat dealerships for various boats I have purchased, marine chandleries for associated equipment, shipyard fees for hauling, etc., marine artisans for their necessary work and numerous other local, Marina Del Rey businesses for over three and one half decades. I feel I have contributed to the local economy, and in return I have enjoyed recreational use of the harbor which was designed and built for just this purpose.

There is a misguided belief, however, that as a boat owner, I must be wealthy, and that I can or am willing to pay whatever it takes to enjoy being a snobby yachtsman with a fancy and expensive toy. On the contrary--the lifestyle I have chosen to pursue over these 36 years was a conscious choice, and one not made without significant sacrifice in other areas. I am a regular guy, with a regular job. There have been times during this past 36 years that I have held two jobs. I do not play tennis. I do not go to Las Vegas. I do not have season tickets to professional sporting events, nor do I take cruises or go on costly, fancy vacations. During all these years, I have lived in modest homes, and unfortunately for me, all with fairly long commutes to work and to my boating activities due to the financial considerations necessary to pursue boating in Marina Del Rey. As I mentioned, the boating life for me and my family in Marina Del Rey did not come easily. And, here's some news: I am not the only one. The various boating marketing organizations report similar financial demographics as mine throughout the boating community. For the most part, you will find as boat owners, we are good earners, and, consequently, good spenders, but very few are wealthy and substantively unaffected by this proposed amendment and its outrageous costs.

The idea that the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board (an unelected and apparently unaccountable, body), could, at the stroke of its pen, change the economics of family boat ownership so drastically that I would have to give up boating in Marina Del Rey, is disgusting to me. Requiring me to pay for a Waste Discharge Permit (\$1094), and then requiring me to pay somewhere between \$7,000-\$10,000 to strip perfectly legal, State approved copper based paint from my boat, and to then have to double up on the diver maintenance service to preserve the replacement, non- cuprous paint that

would have to be applied in its place, is just too much of a financial burden for me.

I have owned my present boat for almost 20 years, and have no plans at all to strip its paint now, nor have I ever done so in the past. The suggestion by the Board that I would be doing this anyway, every 7 to 10 years, is ridiculous. Ask me in another 20...then, maybe...only if it really needed it...maybe.

On top of all this, I understand that this proposed amendment will make me a "responsible party" under the law, just because I keep my boat in Marina Del Rey. I have no interest in being part of an environmental lawsuit just because of where I keep my boat, and I doubt my insurance company will like this idea much, either.

So, if the Board does not reject the TMDL Amendment, I probably won't give up on boating, but I **ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEE** I will move my boat, and my checkbook, to another harbor.

Or, maybe, in the end, I would move the boat in order to protect its certain loss of value if it remained in Marina Del Rey under this new regulation, then maybe I'll sell the thing altogether, and perhaps try my hand at golf. Either way, Marina Del Rey is going to lose me, and my business, and I believe, many other boat owners just like me.

The State Water Control Board should REJECT the TMDL Amendment.

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