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

I have owned a boat in Marina del Rey continuously since 1966 and am opposed to the proposed TMDL Amendment by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The claim that copper in the marina is now suddenly a major problem and the boat owners should both fix and pay, to clean up Marina del Rey, is irrational.

The State approved copper based paint products which I use on my boat. If you look at the history changing bottom paints, look at the fiasco in the '90's when they required everyone to go to water based paint, it didn't work and eventually everyone had to have their bottom stripped to go to the new copper based paints? Now the Board is telling me that I have a choice to make: Register for a \$1,094 Waste Discharge Permit, pay thousands of dollars to strip and paint my boat bottom, incur more than double the amount of cleaning costs, incur compliance costs, be named a "Responsible Party" for pollutants, risk litigation, and put my property into legal jeopardy --- or, leave the Marina so I won't be subject to these burdens and legal jeopardy.

I question the science that copper in Marina del Rey is killing the sea life, if this is true, why is there abundant growth on all pilings, docks, bulkheads and our boat bottoms? Just look in the water, you will see lots of activity, look in the sky and see the birds diving for fish, look at the breakwater, you will see the seagulls own it! Look at all the sea lions now inside the marina and they wouldn't be there if there was nothing for them to eat! Where is your common sense?

The Board's actions and failures are wrong that this regulation puts Marina del Rey in jeopardy. The profits from the marina create a cash cow to the City and County of Los Angeles and allow lots of other programs to be funded with the funds from the boaters and the boater related activities. I do not want to be named a "Responsible Party" just because I keep a boat in Marina del Rey and would move my boat to avoid this ridiculous regulation.

The only decision is to reject the TMDL Amendment.

Sincerely,

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