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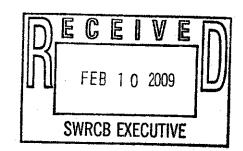
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VIA EMAIL AT: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

State Water Resources Control Board Attn: Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comment Letter - Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL

Dear Ms. Townsend:



Malibu Surfing Association was founded by members of the Malibu community more than 40 years ago and we are intimately involved with the past, present, and future of Malibu Lagoon and Surfrider Beach. Many of our members are residents of the City of Malibu and we are an entirely volunteer association. We speak on behalf of our members whose views represent those of the surfing community and the 1.5 million visitors to Malibu Surfrider Beach who should be able to use this recreational resource without fear of water borne illness.

We understand that the State Water Resources Control Board (the "Board") will be considering an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate a total maximum daily load for trash in the Malibu Creek Watershed.

We wish to go on record wholeheartedly in support of the amendment and urge the Board to amend the Water Quality Control Plan as set forth in the Draft Resolution.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Melchione, Chairman Environmental Committee

Malibu Surfing Association

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