

To:

Jan. 20-13

1 of 2

Cindy Lin (WTR2)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
So. Cal. Field Office
600 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1460
Los Angeles, Ca. 90017

Dear Ms. Lin:

As a Las Virgenes Park Home Owner I'm writing to express concern for the Total Maximum Daily Loads being proposed for the Malibu Creek Watershed.

Malibu Creek has unique characteristics. It is not appropriate to compare Malibu Creek to other fresh water coastal creek systems. Applying fresh water standards to a brackish creek is not making sense. EPA concludes this type impairs the presence of aquatic insects but fails to recognize the freshwater insects do poorly in non-freshwater streams like Malibu Creek or for a creek that has no water in it at all over 25% of its length in dry weather periods. EPA should also recognize that the salt impact of the

Monterey Formation in the watershed was the reason why the water district that serves our area was formed in the first place; Malibu Creek is unsuitable as a potable water source, in part because of its salinity. We do believe its salinity has no impact on freshwater insects.

For these reasons the homeowners of Las Virgenes Park call upon EPA to conduct a scientifically sound evaluation of the Malibu Creek watershed with appropriate opportunities given to the homeowners and businesses of the region to examine the data and comment on the findings. EPA should not proceed with adopting new, revised, or additional TMDLs until that evaluation is complete.

Sincerely,
Kans Lawie
Las Virgenes Park Homeowner,