

January 20, 2013

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Dear Mrs. Lin,

The Upper Terrace Homeowners' association in Westlake village is concerned about the Total Maximum Daily Loads being proposed for the Malibu Creek Watershed.

It appears that the draft TMDL document was released for review on December 12, 2012. That is not enough time to study it.

Also, our homeowners association contains many single homeowners and seniors. A hike in sewer fees will impact them significantly. We are aware that the sewer fees for adjacent cities are far less than what we currently pay.

The Malibu Creek has unique characteristics and it appears not appropriate to compare it to other fresh water coastal creek systems.

The EPA should only proceed with a TMDL when it can guarantee its regulations will produce the desired result. It should listen to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District as it works to inform its ratepayers.

For these reasons, the homeowners of Upper Terrace Homeowners Association calls upon the 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. The EPA should not proceed with adopting new, revised, or additional TMDLs until that evaluation is complete.

Sincerely,



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