

From: Man Voong
To: Kangshi Wang
CC: Jenny Newman
Date: 5/8/2012 8:54 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Comment letter on TMDL's

>>> LB Nye 5/7/2012 1:02 PM >>>

>>> losangeles 5/7/2012 12:10 PM >>>
FYI- for quicker review, not uploaded to ECM.

>>> Athena Shlien <athenanova@gmail.com> 5/7/2012 12:03 PM >>>

To whom It may concern,

As a surfer and citizen of Malibu I would like to express my concern for the possible harm that may result from the RWQCB's establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads that would not allow for natural sources of bacteria in our watershed. This reactionary approach could actually cause more harm than good and would utilize valuable resources to address issues that may never be in our control. It would serve the public best to focus on the known sources of pollution - man made sources such as pesticides, toxic chemicals and nutrient enriched waters from sewage treatment plants such as Tapia.

Heal the Bay and other NGO's have long used water pollution as a platform for dredging projects. We now know that when toxic sediments are redistributed they can actually cause harm; releasing and stirring up chemicals that have the potential to negatively impact human health and our environment. Now they want to dredge and drain Malibu lagoon, even after the most recent study by the USGS says that the "F" grade in the lagoon is more often the result of a natural, healthy lagoon ecosystem. Why haven't these organizations acknowledged the most recent, cutting edge science?

I urge the RWCQB to utilize the best available and most recent science to ensure an effective approach to watershed management.

Sincerely,

Athena Shlien