



Board Members,

I am requesting the State Water Control Board to reject the TMDL amendment. I am a boat owner in Marina del Rey and have no intention of staying here should this amendment pass.

The reasons are practical. MDR is an expensive harbor to be in already even without these plans and there are other harbors like San Pedro that have availability, cheaper and close. I am convinced business would be struggling as the boaters leave. I work at Marina Sailing where we charter boats and teach sailing. I heard from our boat owners they would have to consider other harbors which may leave us with half the boats we have now. Certainly business would suffer.

Another matter is how long it would take to strip 4500 boats of copper and repaint them with only two boatyards in MDR. I have heard estimates of 25+ years.

The idea that increased growth of fouling organisms and invasive species occurring as a result of using non-copper based paints is unacceptable in itself.

The Board's misusing its power to impose an unfair regulation that is more costly and threatens the economy in such a negative way.

I ask the State Water Control Board should reject the TMDL Amendment.

Sincerely,

Capt Steven Huff
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