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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. EPA's proposed "Malibu Creek and Lagoon TMDL for Sedimentation and Nutrients to Address Benthic Community Impairments".

On May 1, 2013, I attended a public workshop for the TMDL at the Agoura Hills City Hall along with approximately 160 other concerned residents; there was standing room only in the City Council Chambers. My comments echo those of the broader community. Many of those present spoke out against the proposed regulation at the meeting. You should know that this regulation is not supported by the community, who will bear the costs for its implementation.

The following are among the many concerns brought up at the meeting and left unanswered by EPA staff: (1) there is inadequate evidence that the new regulation will reduce algae cover in Malibu Creek; (2) the natural characteristics of the Malibu Creek watershed have largely been dismissed; (3) the TMDL is being rushed to meet an arbitrary deadline at the expense of scientific rigor and stakeholder input; (4) an existing 2003 Nutrient TMDL has not been fully implemented; and (5) the cost of compliance is estimated to be \$307 million in capital costs and \$23.5 million annually for operations and maintenance.

I ask that the U.S. EPA consider these concerns and take the necessary steps to answer these issues in full, before proceeding with any new regulations.

Sincerely,

Name

(Optional)

Address

City