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California Building Standards Commission  
Attention: Jim McGowan, Executive Director  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, California 95833

## Re: Comments on the 2013 California Plumbing Code

Dear Mr. McGowan:

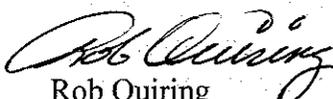
The Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District wishes to provide comments and support with regards to the notice of proposed action amending building standards of the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding the 2013 California Plumbing Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 5, which amends and adds language to protect the public from mosquitoes, rodents and other potential vectors of disease: Grey Water - 1602.9.2 and Rainwater - 1072.9.6(A).

The District supports the Rainwater Capture Act and other efforts to reduce the need and dependency of California's water supply, especially reusing water that otherwise would be lost. However, without added amendments, thousands of potential mosquito-breeding sites could be installed in backyards. Every unscreened rainwater/grey water capture device has the possibility of producing hundreds of thousands if not millions of mosquitoes.

West Nile virus is endemic to Kern County and various other regions of the State. Kern County has had human cases of WNV since 2004. In 2007, there were 140 human cases. Installing close-fitting screens of an aperture not greater than 1/16 of an inch would prevent rainwater tanks or grey water tanks from becoming West Nile virus factories.

Thank you for your consideration and this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

  
Rob Quiring  
District Manager

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