

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

RESOLUTION R7-2016-0020

APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
FOR  
IMPERIAL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 1. WHEREAS,** on June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, which in part approves the *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy) regulating onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) statewide; and
- 2. WHEREAS,** the OWTS Policy, Tier 2, Section 9, Local Agency Management Programs (LAMPs) for New or Replacement OWTS allows Local Agencies, including the Imperial County Public Health Department, Division of Environmental Health (DEH), which is located entirely within the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin (Colorado River Basin Water Board) watershed, to propose for review and approval a LAMP that appropriately regulates onsite wastewater treatment for the protection of water quality as well as public health; and
- 3. WHEREAS,** on May 30, 2013, DEH, submitted an interim strategy for on-site systems in the County, which included a schedule to submit a LAMP and modify Chapter 8.80, *Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems*, of the Codified Ordinances of the County (Chapter 8.80); and
- 4. WHEREAS,** DEH held numerous community meetings for OWTS, known more commonly as septic systems, including meetings held on October 20, 2015 in Brawley, on October 21, 2015 in El Centro, and on October 23, 2015 in Palo Verde, introducing the OWTS Policy and draft LAMP to its citizens; and
- 5. WHEREAS,** in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, DEH completed an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the adoption of the LAMP, which was processed by the State Clearing House (SCH #2016011009) and had a 30-day public review period that ended February 4, 2016; and
- 6. WHEREAS,** on April 26, 2016, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors met and adopted the Negative Declaration and approved the LAMP, including special provisions and approved modifications to Chapter 8.80; and
- 7. WHEREAS,** DEH and Colorado River Basin Water Board staff worked collaboratively in the development of the LAMP, and Colorado River Basin Water Board staff has reviewed the LAMP and has determined that the LAMP addresses the required elements of the OWTS Policy and thus recommends Board approval by adoption of Resolution R7-2016-0020; and

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8. **WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2016, the Colorado River Basin Water Board notified DEH and the public of its intent to approve the LAMP, posting on the Board's website for public comment draft Resolution R7-2016-0020, the LAMP, and Chapter 8.80 ; and
9. **WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2016, the Colorado River Basin Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this action:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the California Regional Water Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, hereby approves the LAMP submitted by DEH; and
2. that the OWTS Policy's Tier 0 (zero), Existing OWTS, extends regulatory coverage to existing systems, which are properly functioning and do not need corrective action, and can otherwise comply with the criteria in the Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver), prescribed as Section 12 in the OWTS Policy, and for the purposes of compliance with the Waiver, DEH shares Board authority to designate that an existing system needs corrective action; and
3. that the Board further directs its Executive Officer to act on its behalf, to process for review, comment and ultimate approval future modifications to the LAMP submitted by DEH.

I, Jose L. Angel, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution R7-2016-0020 adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on June 30, 2016.

  
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JOSE L. ANGEL, P.E.  
Executive Officer