

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**Certification of Counties to Implement a Local Oversight Program
Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25297.01**

BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director certifies the counties (local agencies) listed below as qualified to implement a local oversight program (LOP) for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from underground storage tanks (USTs).

**Alameda County
Orange County
Sacramento County**

**San Mateo County
Santa Barbara County
Santa Clara County**

I. STATUTORY BACKGROUND AND BASIS FOR THE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25297.01, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2013-0001, which approved the Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification, establishing State Water Board LOP procedures and certification criteria to evaluate whether a local agency is qualified to oversee or perform the abatement of unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from USTs. The State Water Board is required to review, at least once every three years, the ability of the certified city or county to carry out the LOP.

State Water Board [Resolution No. 2013-0001](#) directs the Executive Director, or designee, to:

- a) Certify the local agencies that he or she has determined to be qualified to implement the LOP consistent with the Underground Storage Tank Local

Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification, and inform the State Water Board of this action and of any subsequent determination to certify, deny certification for, or withdraw certification for a local agency.

- b) Notify the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) before certifying, denying certification, or withdrawing certification of an agency and consider any comments received from the Regional Water Board.

State Water Board staff has completed a review of the ability of certified LOP agencies to continue to carry out the LOP, notified the appropriate Regional Water Board and considered the comments received, and recommended certification of the agencies identified above. Based upon the facts and circumstances particular to each applicant and consistent with the certification criteria, I have determined that the listed local agencies are qualified to implement a LOP for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from underground storage tanks. Due to the decreasing number of new cases coupled with current closure rates, it is expected that some local agencies will not need LOP certification for an additional three years; the Regional Water Boards will absorb any remaining cases once their LOP certification expires.

II. CONCLUSION

IT IS THEREFORE DETERMINED that:

- A. The local agencies identified above meet all criteria established in the Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification.
- B. After the current certification period expires, the certified local agencies identified above may implement a LOP for an additional three-year period ending June 30,

2025, with the exception of Santa Barbara County, which may implement a LOP for an additional one-year period ending June 30, 2023.

- C. The certified local agencies shall perform LOP roles and responsibilities in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, State Water Board precedential decisions, policies, plans, resolutions, and LOP procedures.



May 19, 2022

Executive Director

Date