

CONSIDERATION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY'S LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGAM (LAMP) FOR ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

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OWTS POLICY

WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR SITING, DESIGN, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

- June 19, 2012 - OWTS Policy adopted
- May 13, 2013 - OWTS Policy became effective
- May 30, 2013 - OWTS Policy amended into Central Coast Water Quality Control Plan

OWTS POLICY

- **Purpose** - to allow the continued use of OWTS, while protecting water quality and public health.
- **Applicability** - applies to all onsite systems that dispose of domestic wastewater throughout the Central Coast Region
- **Requirements** - establishes minimum requirements for the permitting, monitoring, and operation of OWTS

OWTS POLICY - FIVE TIERS

- **Tier 0** – Existing OWTS that are properly functioning and not contributing to an impairment of surface water
- **Tier 1** – Low-Risk New or Replacement OWTS that meet low risk siting and design requirements specified in Tier 1 and where there is not an approved Local Agency Management Program

OWTS POLICY - FIVE TIERS

- **Tier 2** – Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for New or Replacement OWTS is an alternate method from Tier 1 programs to protect water quality and public health.
- **Tier 3** – Existing, new, and replacement OWTS that are near impaired water bodies may be addressed by a TMDL and its implementation program, or special provisions contained in a LAMP.
- **Tier 4** – OWTS that require corrective action or are failing are automatically included in Tier 4 and must follow the corrective action requirements

LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) is Tier 2 of the OWTs policy
- A LAMP allows agencies to address local conditions and includes standards that may differ from the Tier 1 requirements
- LAMP must be submitted to the Water Board by May 2016
- LAMP has to be approved by May 2018
- The County of Santa Barbara has developed a LAMP

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LAMP

Addresses required conditions in the OWTS policy

- Section 3 - Local Agency Requirements and Responsibilities
- Section 9 - Tier 2, Local Agency Management Program Requirements for New or Replacement OWTS
- Proposes an OWTS policy compatible program

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SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS

Annual Reporting

- Number/location of complaints
- Identification of complaints investigated
- Resolution of complaint

Permit Records

- Retain permanent records of permitting actions

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SECTION 9 REQUIREMENTS

Minimum OWTS standards that achieve the Policy's purpose

Scope of coverage (e.g. flows, types of systems, site evaluation, system design, etc.)

Water quality assessment program

Prohibitions

Reporting dates

WATER BOARD REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO OWTS POLICY

- **LAMP Completeness Checklist**
- **Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems in Degraded Basins**

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LAMP

- The LAMP addresses all required sections of the OWTS policy
- The LAMP contains requirements for New or Replacement OWTS, is an alternate method from Tier 1, while protecting water quality and public health.
- On September 1, 2015 the County Board of Supervisors approved the LAMP

ALTERNATE METHOD

- For example: The County may allow parcels smaller than what is allowed under Tier 1 of the OWTS policy if wastewater is treated prior to discharge.
- County will require any onsite system with treatment to be permitted annually.
- To get an annual permit, the permittee must provide proof of inspection and performance

AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE LAMP

- Cities, CSDs, and other local agencies with jurisdictional boundaries within the County LAMP area
- Local agencies must either:
 - develop a LAMP,
 - incorporate OWTS Policy Tier 1 criteria into their permitting by May 13, 2018, or
 - obtain coverage for their jurisdictional areas through a signed agreement with a separate local agency with an approved LAMP.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. R3-2015-0037

QUESTIONS?

Fact Sheet:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts_fs.pdf

OWTS Policy:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/board_adopted_policy.shtml

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OWTS Policy Implementation Timeline Initial Five Year Period

Regional
Boards
amend
Basin Plan

Local agencies
develop and
submit LAMP

Regional
Boards
review and
approve
LAMPs

Local agencies
“adjustment
period”

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**OWTS Policy
Effective Date**

Scheduled TMDL
development in Attachment

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