



Countywide Services Agency

Environmental Management  
Department

Environmental Compliance Division  
Elise Rothschild, Chief

County of Sacramento

Public Comment  
OWTS  
Deadline 5/4/12 by 12 noon

Bradley J. Hu

Bruce Wagstaff, Chief Deputy County Executive

Val F. Siebal, Department Director

April 9, 2012

#81

Charles Hoppin, Chair  
c/o Jeanine Townsend  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95602



Dear Mr. Hoppin:

**SUBJECT: COMMENT REGARDING PROPOSED AB 885 REGULATIONS:  
OWTS POLICY**

The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) is pleased to provide the following comments regarding the March 20, 2012, *Final Draft OWTS Policy*. EMD was involved as a stakeholder in the process that led to the development of the final draft. In general we have been very pleased with the work of SWRCB staff in developing this policy. The *Final Draft* recognizes that local jurisdictions have the knowledge and expertise to best implement a regulatory program for on-site wastewater treatment systems that is protective of human health, the environment, groundwater, and surface water quality. We commend SWRCB staff for being receptive and responsive to local agency concerns during the development of the policy.

We have one suggested revision to the final draft to add clarity to the intent of Section 9.4.9 as discussed during various stakeholder meetings and at the SWRCB public workshop on April 4, 2012. Section 9.4.9 lists elements of an OWTS program that are not allowed to be included in a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). Suggested edits are as follows:

1

9.4.9 Installation of new OWTS where public sewer is available. The public sewer may be considered as not available when such public sewer or any building or exterior drainage facility connected thereto is located more than 200 feet from any proposed building or exterior drainage facility on any lot or premises that abuts and is served by such public sewer. Repair or replacement of existing OWTS that are within 200 feet of a public sewer may be allowed with the approval of the local agency and sewer district.

Charles Hoppin  
April 9, 2012  
Page 2 of 2

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft policy. If you have any questions regarding the above comments, you may contact me by telephone at (916) 875-8506, or by e-mail at [marcusb@saccounty.net](mailto:marcusb@saccounty.net).

Sincerely,



Barry Marcus, P.G.  
Supervising Environmental Specialist  
Liquid Waste Program

BIM:rjd

c: Val Siebal, EMD  
Elise Rothschild, EMD  
Terry Kociemba, EMD  
Darrin Polhemus, SWRCB