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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to the Final Draft Water Quality Control Policy for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Board of Directors of the Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District voted to oppose the SWRCB's Final Draft Septic Tank Policy (OWTS). This decision was determined at our May 1 board meeting.

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There is absolutely no scientific basis to limit new or replacement septic systems to a minimum of 2-1/2 acre parcels, especially with the great majority of rural parcels neither overlying "impaired" groundwater nor adjacent to "impaired" surface water bodies. Further, the 1993 USGS report indicates that septic systems contribute substantial return flows to groundwater and slow the decline of groundwater levels.

We also strongly support Mojave Water Agency's Resolution #949-12 in opposition to this Policy.

Sincerely,

Jackie Lindgren  
District Manager  
Mojave Desert RCD