

**commentletters - Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of OWTS**

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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I am writing to express concerns regarding the State Water Resources Control Board approving as Policy the final draft of the "Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Water Treatment Systems."

First of all, this appears to be an unfunded mandate that will further burden the County during a time when tax dollars are shrinking.

1 → Secondly, on a more personal level, the Policy appears to add what can be viewed as an open-ended cost for Tier 3 compliance for homeowners within 600 feet of an impaired body of water. Most of the homes in the Silverado Canyon community are existing homes with existing OWTS that potentially could cost tens of thousands of dollars to upgrade or replace. This will likely create a financial hardship for a majority of homeowners who are already struggling during these difficult economic conditions to keep their homes.

While I recognize the importance of maintaining clean water as a vital resource, I do hope it can be done without undue burden on local tax resources and to individual homeowners — both of which are already sorely pressed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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