

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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

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**BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The Executive Director certifies the cities, counties, or city and county (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 (UST).

**Humboldt County  
Riverside County  
San Diego County  
San Francisco City and County  
San Joaquin County  
San Mateo County**

**Santa Barbara County  
Santa Clara County  
Solano County  
Sonoma County  
Ventura 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.

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 a 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 "LOP Agency Application" submittals for those agencies identified above, 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.

## II. CONCLUSION

**IT IS THEREFORE DETERMINED** that:

- A. The local agencies identified above, meeting the criteria established in the Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification, are certified to implement a LOP for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from underground storage tanks.
- B. 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.

Thomas Howard

Executive Director

4/19/13

Date