Status Update
Local Agency Management Programs
Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

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• Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) Development Status
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Background
OWTS Policy

- Adopted 2013
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (Septic systems)
- May 2018 permitting changes
- Siting and design requirements
LAMP Approval Status
LAMPs Approved
LAMP Reviews

Compliance with OWTS Policy
LAMPs In Progress
Permitting Activities
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• Discussions with Local Agencies
• Providing Information to Public
Septic System (Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, OWTS) Permit Information

Who needs a permit for a septic system?

Every new or replacement septic system requires a permit, either through your local jurisdiction (City or County) OR from the Central Coast Water Board.

Septic systems where any of the following applies are required to obtain a permit from the Central Coast Water Board:

- New or replacement septic systems that do not meet the requirements of Tier 1 of the OWTS Policy.
- New or replacement septic systems in Santa Barbara County or Monterey County’s jurisdiction that do not meet the conditions and requirements set forth in an approved Agency Management Program (currently Santa Barbara County and Monterey County have approved programs) or Tier 1 of the OWTS Policy.
- Have a projected flow of over 10,000 gallons-per-day. Note the maximum flow under Tier 1 of the OWTS Policy is 3,500 gallons-per-day.
- Receives high-strength wastewater, unless the waste stream is from a commercial food service building.
- Receives high-strength wastewater from a commercial food service building: (1) with a BOD higher than 900 mg/L, or (2) that does not have a properly sized and functioning interceptor.
- Septic systems that receive significant amounts of wastes from RV holding tanks.

Does a repair need a permit?

Repairs that do not need a permit from the Central Coast Water Board:

- Minor repairs (e.g., replacement of a distribution box, broken piping connection, septic tank lid).
- Major repairs for systems that comply with the siting and design standards of Tier 1 of the OWTS Policy or the conditions and requirements set forth in an approved Local Management Program (currently Santa Barbara County and Monterey County have approved programs). Some examples of major repairs include baffle failure, tank structural integrity failure, or the dispersal system no longer adequately percolating the wastewater.
Permitting Activities

~ 25 Permit Applications
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• Issued permits
• Modified design
• Determine permit isn’t needed
• Working with applicants
Impaired Groundwater Basins
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• Advanced Groundwater Protection Management Program
• Los Olivos
Ongoing Activities
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• LAMP Development and Review
• Permitting Outreach
• Impaired Groundwater Basin Protocol
WDR Program Work

- Wastewater treatment plants
- Recycled water projects
- Wineries
- Dairies
- Fruit and vegetable processing
- Pesticide and fertilizer
Questions