

## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 14, 2018

### LOCAL AGENCIES WITHOUT AN APPROVED LOCAL AREA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NO LONGER AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE ALL ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS AFTER MAY 13, 2018

On April 14, 2015, and again on April 21, 2016, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) sent letters (attached) regarding changes in onsite wastewater treatment system (septic system) regulations. As of the date of this letter, your agency has not submitted a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) to manage onsite wastewater treatment systems.

As of May 13, 2018, without a LAMP approved by the Central Coast Water Board, your agency is no longer authorized to approve onsite wastewater treatment systems that are not compliant with the conditions and requirements of Tier 1 in the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy). In accordance with Water Code section 13260 and the OWTS Policy, owners of new or replacement onsite wastewater treatment systems that do not meet the conditions and requirements of Tier 1 are required to obtain a permit from the Central Coast Water Board.

Central Coast Water Board staff is currently developing guidance for owners of new or replacement onsite wastewater treatment systems to assist with our permit application process. This information will be posted on the following webpage:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/septics/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/septics/)

As of the date of this letter, your agency has not notified the Central Coast Water Board regarding your intent to manage onsite wastewater systems or develop a LAMP to manage onsite wastewater systems. **By May 21, 2018, please notify Central Coast Water Board staff Cecile DeMartini which of the following applies:**

1. Your agency does not have a program to manage or permit onsite wastewater systems, or
2. Your agency has incorporated OWTS Policy Tier 1 criteria into your permitting by May 13, 2018, or
3. Your agency has a signed agreement with a separate local agency that has an approved LAMP to permit onsite wastewater treatment systems within your jurisdictional boundaries.

We look forward to continued open dialogue between local agency staff and ours regarding the implementation of onsite wastewater system programs and the new statewide policy. If you have any questions, please contact **Cecile DeMartini at 805-542-4782** or [Cecile.DeMartini@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cecile.DeMartini@waterboards.ca.gov) or Jennifer Epp at [Jennifer.Epp@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Epp@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

**John M. Robertson** Digitally signed by John M. Robertson  
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Executive Officer

Enclosures:

1. Letter dated April 21, 2016, *Status of Onsite Wastewater System Regulation*
2. Letter dated April 14, 2015, *Status of Onsite Wastewater System Regulation*

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