

CHAPTER 5. PLANS AND POLICIES

III. REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

III.F. INDIVIDUAL, ALTERNATIVE AND COMMUNITY ONSITE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

The Regional Board intends to discourage high-density development on septic tank disposal systems and generally will require increased size of parcels with increasing slopes and slower percolation rates. Consideration of development will be based upon the percolation rates and engineering reports supplied. In any questionable situation, engineer-designed systems will be required.

Further information concerning onsite disposal systems can be found in Chapter Four.

V.D. INDIVIDUAL, ALTERNATIVE AND COMMUNITY SEWAGE ONSITE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Unsewered areas having high density (one acre lots or smaller) should be organized into septic tank management districts and sewerage feasibility studies should be ~~encouraged~~ completed in potential problem areas. Local implementation should be encouraged by Regional Board action.

V.H.3. SEPTIC TANK MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

1. Local governing jurisdictions ~~County governments~~ should revise septic tank ordinances to ~~conform~~ be consistent with Basin Plan recommendations and requirements, and State Board guidelines.
2. Formation of septic tank management districts within existing local agencies should be accomplished in areas where directed by Regional Board action.

VI. REGIONAL BOARD POLICIES

Formal specific policies adopted by the Regional Board are presented below according to various categories.

VI.A. SEWERAGE FACILITIES AND SEPTIC TANKS IN URBANIZING AREAS IN THE CENTRAL COAST REGION

Resolution 69-01: Adopting Policy Statement Regarding Sewerage Facilities and Septic Tanks in Urbanizing Areas in the Central Coast Region. ~~This policy prohibits septic tank or community systems unless particular criteria are satisfied.~~ Resolution 69-01 states Regional Board policy to support local jurisdictions in their efforts to prohibit subdivisions using onsite wastewater disposal, unless water quality protection is demonstrated by the implementation of specified onsite system criteria. The Resolution also states Regional Board intention to take enforcement actions, if local jurisdictions fail

to manage onsite wastewater systems in a water quality protective manner.

VI.J. INTERPRETATION OF MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS

Resolution No. 91-04 – Interpretation of Basin Plan's Minimum Parcel Size for Onsite Sewage Systems. This policy clarifies Regional Board minimum parcel size requirements for onsite systems contained in Chapter Four of this document. A copy of this policy is shown in the appendix.