CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION R5-2017-0068

APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR KERN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

WHEREAS, on 19 June 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (hereafter State Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, which in part approves the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (hereafter the OWTS Policy); and

WHEREAS, the OWTS Policy allows Local Agencies to propose Local Agency Management Programs (hereafter LAMPs) for California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) approval, as conditional waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the OWTS Policy requires Central Valley Water Board staff (hereafter staff) to solicit comments from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (hereafter DDW) regarding a LAMP's proposed setbacks and notifications to water purveyors; and

WHEREAS, for counties that span multiple jurisdictions, the OWTS Policy designates one Regional Water Quality Control Board to regulate, but requires its staff to solicit comments from non-jurisdictional Regions; and

WHEREAS, on 13 May 2016 the Kern County Public Health Services, Environmental Health Division (hereafter Kern County EHD) submitted a formal draft LAMP, along with a preliminary completeness checklist (hereafter checklist) per staff's request; and

WHEREAS, on 26 May 2016, Central Valley Water Board staff sought DDW's comments on the formal draft LAMP; on 15 September 2016 DDW concurred with the proposed setbacks and notifications contingent upon an appropriate workshop by 13 May 2018 to define public agency responsibilities and procedures for OWTS Policy implementation; and

WHEREAS, on 19 July 2016 staff met with Kern County EHD to discuss the formal draft LAMP and solicited comments from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Region 3), the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Region 4), and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Region 6); given its limited area, within Kern County, Region 4 declined to comment; and

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WHEREAS, on 20 December 2016 Kern County EHD submitted a revised LAMP to address comments from Regions 3 and 6; on 5 January 2017 Regions 3 and 6 concurred with the Revised LAMP; and

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2017, the Central Valley Water Board notified Kern County EHD and interested parties of its intent to approve the LAMP, and provided them with an opportunity for public hearing, and an opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, both on the LAMP and checklist; and

WHEREAS, on 9 June 2017, the Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this action:

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Central Valley Water Board hereby approves the Local Agency Management Program submitted by Kern County Environmental Health Division.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Central Valley Water Board, on 9 June 2017.

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer