

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2026-0022

**APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR
THE COUNTY OF SONOMA**

WHEREAS, The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter North Coast Water Board) finds:

1. On June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (hereafter State Water 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). The State Water Board amended the OWTS Policy through the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2018-0019 and 2023-0012 on April 17, 2018, and April 18, 2023, respectively;
2. Recognizing that local agencies can provide the most effective means to manage OWTS on a continuous basis, the OWTS Policy allows a local agency to propose a Local Agency Management Program (hereafter LAMP) to the North Coast Water Board for approval and established tiered statewide standards for local agencies to regulate and manage OWTS installations and replacements. The OWTS Policy sets the expected level of performance and protection for these systems and conditionally waives the requirement for OWTS owners to submit a report of waste discharge, obtain waste discharge requirements, and pay fees; provided the systems meet the OWTS Policy conditions;
3. Tier 2 of the OWTS Policy allows local agencies to develop a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP), to accommodate for local environmental conditions and needs. The LAMP serves as an alternative to standards specified in Tier 1 of the Policy, offering flexibility in the siting and design of OWTS, while maintaining or exceeding the level of protection required by the OWTS Policy. Local agencies are required to submit their LAMPs to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for approval. Tier 2 of the OWTS Policy also requires local agencies to maintain a water quality assessment program to evaluate impact of OWTS on groundwater and surface water quality;
4. The OWTS Policy also requires the establishment of an Advanced Protection Management Program (APMP) that establishes standards and requirements for onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) near water bodies impaired for nitrogen or pathogens. The requirements of an Advanced Protection Management Program must consist of any special provisions for the water body if any such provisions have been approved as part of a Local Agency Management Program. When a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is adopted by a regional water board to

address those impaired waters, the local agency must ensure that its LAMP is consistent with the TMDL program of implementation;

5. The North Coast Water Board has adopted an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) that includes a program of implementation for the Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL that will affect OWTS in Sonoma County;
6. On August 13, 2024, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved a draft LAMP and directed Permit Sonoma to submit the draft LAMP to North Coast Water Board for review and approval;
7. Attachment 3 of the OWTS Policy designates the North Coast Water Board and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board as the Regional Water Boards responsible for reviewing and approving the LAMP for Sonoma County, with the North Coast Water Board as the primary reviewer and approver. North Coast Water Board staff and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board staff entered into discussions with Permit Sonoma staff regarding the draft LAMPs provisions, its consistency with the OWTS Policy, and its consistency with multiple pathogen TMDLs in Sonoma County. These discussions resulted in the proposed LAMP;
8. North Coast Water Board staff find that the proposed LAMP is consistent with the adopted Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL and OWTS Policy;
9. On March 18, 2026, the North Coast Water Board notified the County and interested parties of its intent to approve the LAMP and provided them with an opportunity to submit comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Resolution No. R1-2026-0022;
10. On June 16-17, 2026, the North Coast Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that that the North Coast Water Board hereby approves the Sonoma County Local Agency Management Program.

Certification:

I, Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on June 16-17, 2026.

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer