
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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CONDITIONAL CONCURRENCE; PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO KERN COUNTY'S LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (LAMP); KERN COUNTY

In a 31 March 2021 letter, Kern County Environmental Health Department (EHD) proposed a minor modification to its current LAMP. In Table 4-2, *Qualifications for OWTS Practitioners*, under *Minimum Qualifications for System Installation*, Kern County proposes to add Class B General Building Contractors for OWTS system installations. All other aspects of LAMP Table 4-2 will remain the same. According to the notice, Kern County EHD determined that the training and qualifications necessary to receive a Class B General Contractors license is on par with existing contractors allowed for OWTS system installations in Table 4-2. After consulting with the Central Coast Regional Water Board (Region 3), the Los Angeles Regional Water Board (Region 4), and the Lahontan Regional Water Board (Region 6), Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff concurs with Kern County's proposed modification. Therefore, you may proceed with the modification as proposed.

The State Water Resources Control Board *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy) allows for LAMP modifications in §3.2. However, because Kern County has multiple Regional Board jurisdictions, §4.4.1 applies.

Policy §3.2 in part provides:

"...If at any time a local agency wishes to modify its Local Agency Management Program, it shall provide the State Water Board and all affected Regional Water Board(s) written notice of its intended modifications and will continue to implement its existing Local Agency Management Program until the modifications are approved."

Policy §4.4.1. provides:

“The Regional Water Board shall consult with any other Regional Water Board(s) having jurisdiction over the local agency before providing the notice described in section 4.4.2.”

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Katie Carpenter by phone at (559) 445-5551 or by email at Katie.Carpenter@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Attachment: 31 March 2021 Notice of Intent to Modify Kern County Environmental Health's LAMP

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- Stephanie Torres, State Water Resources Control Board, (via email)
- Eric Rapport, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5, (via email)
- Cecile De Martini, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3, (via email)
- Jim Kang, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4 (via email)
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