
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD
ALAMEDA COUNTY DRAFT LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

March 13, 2018

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board) is seeking written comments on Alameda County's submittal of a draft Local Agency Management Plan (Plan), as described herein. Parties wishing to comment on the Plan must submit comments no later than April 16, 2018. Subsequent to receipt of comments, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board Executive Officer may request revisions, approve the Plan, or bring the Plan before the Regional Water Board for its consideration.

Alameda County LAMP Submittal

Per the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy), local agencies wishing to regulate onsite wastewater treatment systems are required to submit a local agency management plan to the Water Board for approval. Alameda County has submitted a Plan to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board. The Plan consists of three documents (Attachments 1-3):

1. March 9, 2017, Revised Draft Local Agency Management Program for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, Alameda County, California
2. March 9, 2017, proposed County of Alameda Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Ordinance
3. March 30, 2017, Revised Draft Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual.

Alameda County lies in the jurisdiction of two Regional Water Quality Control Boards: the majority of the County lies in the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board's jurisdiction, with a smaller portion of the county in the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's jurisdiction. Per the OWTS Policy, the designated Regional Water Board for approving Alameda County's Plan is the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board.

Required Modifications

Per the OWTS Policy, the San Francisco Bay Water Board solicited comments on Alameda County's proposed LAMP from both the Central Valley Regional Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water. In their June 28, 2017, letter (Attachment 4), the Division of Drinking Water determined that the Alameda County LAMP meets the minimum drinking water source protection measures and had no additional comments or recommendations.

The Central Valley Regional Water Board required minor edits to the proposed LAMP. These edits are outlined in the June 16, 2017, memo (Attachment 5). The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board intends to require one modification to Alameda County's proposed LAMP:

In the March 30, 2017, Revised Draft Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual, page 43-7, Section 43.4: [Remove strike through text and replace with bold text.]

A. SYSTEMS WITHOUT OPERATING PERMITS

1. For standard OWTS that do not require an operating permit, the property owner ~~will be asked to~~ **shall** submit a homeowner's questionnaire to the Department once every five (5) years with the information on the System to assist the County in complying with State reporting requirements.

Public Notice

Per the OWTS Policy, Plan approval must follow a noticed hearing with opportunity for public comment. The public hearings conducted by Alameda County have met this requirement. This public notice provides an additional opportunity for written comment.

The public comment period runs from March 13, 2018, through April 16, 2018, at 5 pm.

Comments may be submitted by email to Christine.boschen@waterboards.ca.gov or by mail addressed to Christine Boschen, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA, 94612.