

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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**Certification of Cities and Counties to Implement a Local Oversight Program  
Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25297.01**

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**BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The Executive Director certifies the city, county, or city and county (local agency) listed below as qualified to implement a local oversight program (LOP) for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from underground storage tanks (UST).

**Santa Cruz County**

**I. STATUTORY BACKGROUND AND BASIS FOR THE CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25297.01, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2013-0001, which approved the Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification, establishing State Water Board LOP procedures and certification criteria to evaluate whether a local agency is qualified to oversee or perform the abatement of unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from USTs.

State Water Board [Resolution No. 2013-0001](#) directs the Executive Director, or designee, to:

- a) Certify the local agencies that he or she has determined to be qualified to implement the LOP consistent with the Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification, and inform the State Water Board of this action and of any subsequent determination to certify, deny certification for, or withdraw certification for a local agency.
- b) Notify the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) before certifying, denying certification, or withdrawing certification of an agency and consider any comments received from the Regional Water Board.

State Water Board staff has completed a review of the "LOP Agency Application" submittals for the agency identified above, notified the appropriate Regional Water Board and considered the comments received, and recommended certification of the agency identified above. Based upon the facts and circumstances particular to the applicant and consistent with the certification criteria, I have determined that the listed local agency is qualified to implement a LOP for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from underground storage tanks.

## II. CONCLUSION

IT IS THEREFORE DETERMINED that:

- A. Except for the minimum number of open-active cases criterion, the local agency identified above meets all remaining criteria established in the Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program Procedures and Criteria for Certification. The minimum number of open-active cases criterion may be waived if an adequate plan to phase out the LOP is determined to be cost effective. The local agency identified above submitted an adequate plan to phase out the LOP and is thereby certified to implement a LOP for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from underground storage tanks.
- B. The certified local agency identified above shall implement a LOP for the limited number of years indicated in the plan to phase out the LOP.
- C. The certified local agency shall perform LOP roles and responsibilities in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, State Water Board precedential decisions, policies, plans, resolutions, and LOP procedures.

  
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Executive Director

  
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