

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

RESOLUTION R7-2023-0026

APPROVING LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. On June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, which approved the statewide *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy) regulating onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS).
2. The OWTS Policy defines a "local agency" as any subdivision of state government that has responsibility for permitting the installation and regulation of OWTS within its jurisdictional boundaries; typically, a county, city, or special district.
3. The OWTS Policy allows local agencies to propose Local Agency Management Programs (LAMPs) for approval by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Upon LAMP approval, the local agency manages the installation, maintenance and oversight of new and replacement OWTS under the LAMP.
4. On June 30, 2016, The Colorado River Basin Water Board approved Imperial County's existing LAMP. The LAMP covers an area regulated by the Regional Water Board.
5. On April 16, 2021, Imperial County, by and through its Public Health Department, submitted a proposed revised LAMP for approval.
6. Staff from the Regional Water Board provided comments on the proposed LAMP to Imperial County.
7. In response to these comments, Imperial County revised its proposed LAMP and submitted a final draft on April 26, 2023. The final draft LAMP, dated April 26, 2023, is posted on Imperial County Health Department's website for public comment. The weblink to the County's LAMP may be found on the Notice of Public Hearing for this Resolution.
8. Regional Water Board staff has reviewed the proposed LAMP and determined that it addresses all required elements of the OWTS Policy. Staff therefore

recommends that the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board approve the proposed LAMP.

9. On May 12, 2023, the Regional Water Board notified Imperial County's Public Health Department, and all other known interested parties, regarding the opportunity for public comment and a public hearing concerning consideration of a resolution to approve the proposed LAMP.
10. On June 27, 2023, the Colorado River Basin Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this action.

PROGRAM APPROVAL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Colorado River Basin Water Board hereby approves Imperial County's proposed LAMP, and
2. The LAMP shall become effective upon adoption of an implementing ordinance by Imperial County.

I, Paula Rasmussen, Executive Officer, certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on June 27, 2023.

Original signed by

PAULA RASMUSSEN

Executive Officer

California Regional Water Quality Control
Board, Colorado River Basin