

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING
CONCERNING**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A

LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

FOR

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (the "OWTS Policy") regulates small domestic OWTS; also septic systems. The OWTS Policy allows for the continued use of OWTS under Local Agency oversight, establishes minimum risk-based standards, and requires Local Agencies to assess water quality. Local Agencies may either directly implement the conservative low-risk standards in the OWTS Policy or develop a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). When a local agency within the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) submits a LAMP, the Water Board is required to review the LAMP to determine whether it is protective of human health and water quality, provide public notice, and either approve or reject the LAMP.

The San Bernardino County Division of Environmental Health (San Bernardino County) has submitted a LAMP for Water Board approval. Water Board staff has reviewed the LAMP and has concluded that it is consistent with the OWTS Policy. Water Board staff has proposed that the Water Board consider a resolution approving San Bernardino County's LAMP at a public hearing scheduled for:

DATE: July 12 or 13, 2017

TIME: See the agenda announcement, posted approximately 10 days prior to the hearing

PLACE: Bishop, California

Persons wishing to comment on the Water Board's approval of the San Bernardino County LAMP must submit their comments in writing to the Water Board at lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2017**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Enclosed with this Notice is the Proposed Resolution (R6V-2017-Proposed).

The Proposed San Bernardino County LAMP is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/lamp_tracking/27.pdf

All persons may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony may be limited in time by the Water Board Chairperson. All persons speaking at the hearing may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Water Board Chairperson.

Anyone having questions on the proposed documents should contact Jehiel Cass at 760-241-2434, or Jehiel.Cass@waterboards.ca.gov. The meeting agenda, proposed resolution and other related documents may be downloaded from the Water Board's website at the following address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2017_schedule.shtml.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Water Board's office at 15095 Amargosa Road, Building 2, Suite 210, Victorville, California 92394, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the date, time, and street address of the hearing for Water Board consideration of LAMP approval. Questions regarding hearing procedures should be directed to Kathy Otermat at (530) 542-5414.

The regulations governing Water Board meetings may be found within the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. These regulations may also be obtained by accessing:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/index.shtml. Hearings before the Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Kathy Otermat at (530) 542-5414 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or via voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Enclosed: Resolution R6V-2017-Proposed



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RESOLUTION NO. R6V-2017 - PROPOSED

**APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board) finds that:

1. On June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (hereafter State Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, which approved the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (hereafter the OWTS Policy).
2. The OWTS Policy defines a local agency as any subdivision of state government that has responsibility for permitting the installation of and regulating 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 (hereafter LAMPs) for Water Board approval, as conditional waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for OWTS owners.
4. The OWTS Policy requires the Water Board to solicit comments from the State Board, Division of Drinking Water (hereafter DDW) regarding a LAMP's proposed setbacks and notifications to water purveyors.
5. For counties that span multiple water board jurisdictions, the OWTS Policy designates the Lahontan Water Board as the lead agency to review and approve the San Bernardino County LAMP, provided it solicited comments from non-jurisdictional Regions; Santa Ana Water Board and Colorado River Water Board.
6. On October 31, 2015, San Bernardino County Division of Environmental Health Services (San Bernardino County Environmental Health) submitted a proposed LAMP.
7. On December 7, 2015, staff forwarded a copy of the proposed LAMP to DDW and solicited comments from DDW regarding the proposed LAMP's proposed policies and procedures, including notification to local water purveyors prior to OWTS permitting.
8. On January 26, 2017, Lahontan Water Board staff met with San Bernardino County Environmental Health staff, Colorado River Water Board staff, and Santa Ana Water Board staff, to resolve comments.

9. On March 10, 2017, the Colorado River Water Board staff notified Lahontan Water Board staff that they have no additional comments on the proposed San Bernardino County LAMP.
10. On March 17, 2017, the Santa Ana Water Board staff notified Lahontan Water Board staff that they have no additional comments on the proposed San Bernardino County LAMP.
11. On April 4, 2017, Lahontan Water Board staff notified San Bernardino County Environmental Health that they have preliminarily accepted the San Bernardino County LAMP.
12. On April 20, 2017, San Bernardino County Environmental Health submitted the final proposed San Bernardino County LAMP.
13. On May 19, 2017, the Lahontan Water Board notified San Bernardino County Environmental Health and interested parties of its intent to approve the LAMP, and provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing, and an opportunity to submit comments.
14. On *(to be inserted)*, San Bernardino County adopted implementing ordinances and approved the San Bernardino County LAMP.
15. On July 12, 2017, the Lahontan Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this action:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Lahontan Water Board hereby approves the Local Agency Management Program submitted by San Bernardino County Environmental Health.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, 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, Lahontan Region, on July 12, 2017.

PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER