

Comment Summary and Responses - DRAFT

Comment Deadline: 6 January 2014

Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin Regarding the Onsite Wastewater System Implementation Program

List of Commenters:

Comment Reference	Organization	Representative
1	Medical Geo-hydrology	Dr. Edo McGowan

Response to Comments:

No.	Author	Comment (when exact comments are used they are provided in italics)	Response
1.1	Dr. Edo McGowan	<p>“In 2004, The Water Environment Research Foundation, WERF, conducted a multi-year study of sewer plants producing recycled water. This study included analysis of plants in Florida, Arizona, and California. That report (00-PUM-2T), see below, offered a basis for reevaluation of how recycled water was produced as well as public health issues related to current production processes and their standards.”</p> <p>“We thus request directions to the files and documents by the State's staff and City of Santa Barbara on their reviews of the WERF report noted above.”</p> <p>“This request is time critical to enable an adequate response to the State's above request for comment and thus prompt responses would be appreciated from the various state and local entities. If you are unable to respond, please also indicate and the reason for such inability.”</p>	<p>The comment was not previously raised before the Central Coast Water Board nor was any explanation provided as to why these comments were not raised before the Central Coast Water Board.</p> <p>The comment does not specifically address any part of the actual proposed Basin Plan amendment.</p> <p>The WERF report cited by the commenter is an investigating of reclamation water quality from full-scale wastewater treatment facilities, not from on-site septic systems. Thus, the WERF study is not relevant to the Basin Plan amendment that will adopt the OWTS Policy standards for on-site septic systems.</p>