

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

RESOLUTION R7-2024-0039

APPROVING REVISION TO LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FINDINGS

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

1. On June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, approving the statewide *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy).
2. The OWTS Policy defines a "local agency" as any subdivision of state government that has responsibility for permitting the installation and regulation of onsite wastewater treatment systems (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 of new and replacement OWTS under the LAMP.
4. On November 17, 2016, The Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Resolution R7-2016-0038 that approved Riverside County's LAMP. The LAMP covers an area regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards for the Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana and San Diego Regions.
5. On December 13, 2022, The Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Resolution R7-2022-0044, which approved an update to Riverside County's LAMP.
6. On July 11, 2024, the County of Riverside (County), by and through its Department of Environmental Health, submitted a proposed minor LAMP revision for approval. The minor update is to modify Chapter 5 - Design Requirements for Conventional Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, Basic Requirements of OWTS Design, last bulleted item from "Each single-family dwelling unit must be connected to its own dedicated OWTS" to "Each single-family dwelling unit must be connected to an appropriately sized OWTS, as determined by the Department." The revised LAMP is attached hereto as **Attachment A**.

- 7. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff and staff from the other two affected Regional Water Quality Control Boards have reviewed the proposed revision to the LAMP (Attachment A) and determined that it addresses all required elements of the OWTS Policy. Staff therefore recommends that the Colorado River Basin Water Board approve the proposed LAMP.
- 8. On October 8, 2024, the Regional Water Board notified County 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.
- 9. 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 the revised Local Agency Management Program submitted by the County of Riverside, attached hereto as **Attachment A**; and
- 2. The revised LAMP shall become effective upon adoption of an implementing ordinance by Riverside County.

I, Michael Placencia, 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 November 12, 2024.

Original signed by

MICHAEL PLACENCIA
Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control
Board, Colorado River Basin