
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

ON

SAN MATEO COUNTY'S LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will accept written comments on San Mateo County's Local Agency Management Program (San Mateo LAMP) for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) and the draft Water Board LAMP approval letter. Approval will authorize San Mateo County to continue to manage OWTS within its jurisdiction in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's *Water Quality Control Policy for the Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy).

The San Mateo LAMP describes the local agency's program for regulating OWTS, including technical standards for their siting, design, operation, and maintenance, and protocols for permitting and oversight of new, repair, and replacement OWTS. It consists of the County's LAMP overview document, LAMP addendum, Onsite Wastewater Ordinance (OWTS Ordinance), and Onsite Systems Manual (OWTS Manual). The County developed its LAMP by conducting a comprehensive review and revision of the County's existing OWTS code and regulations to assure compliance with the OWTS Policy and address other necessary updates, beginning in 2014. The County engaged stakeholders in the process and held public meetings on the proposed updates in December 2015 and February 2016.

The LAMP addendum (2021) provides the County's response to Water Board comments provided in 2019 and 2020. The draft Water Board approval letter outlines how the LAMP addresses OWTS contributions to nitrogen- and pathogen-impaired waterbodies in lieu of or prior to development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) as an efficient way to improve water quality. With these additions, Water Board staff recommend approval of the San Mateo LAMP.

The San Mateo LAMP is available for review at:

www.smchealth.org/landuse

See OWTS Ordinance, Onsite Systems Manual, and Local Agency Management Program. The LAMP addendum is not yet posted and is available upon request.

The draft Water Board LAMP approval letter is available for review at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#onsite

The letter attachments are available upon request. To request the LAMP addendum or letter attachments, please contact Rashid Kaveh (see below).

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the San Mateo LAMP are encouraged to submit comments electronically. To be considered, comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m.** on **March 18, 2022**. Submit comments to Rashid Kaveh, by email to Rashid.Kaveh@waterboards.ca.gov; or by mail or hand delivery to:

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board, Attention: Rashid Kaveh
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Please use the subject line: "**Comment Letter – San Mateo LAMP Approval**"

Please direct questions about this notice to Rashid Kaveh (email above).

Date: February 10, 2022