



Local Agency Management Plan Development Update

for Onsite Wastewater Treatment (Septic)
Systems in Monterey County

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Brief History

September 2000 – AB 885 requires statewide regulations for septic systems

June 2012 – SWRCB adopts the OWTS Policy

May 2013 – Central Coast RWQCB incorporates OWTS Policy into the Basin Plan, giving local jurisdictions 3 years to update their local regulations

Statewide OWTS Policy

Tier 0 – Existing systems

Tier 1 – Prescriptive standards that do not consider local geology

Tier 1 could become effective May 2018 if a LAMP is not submitted by May 13, 2016

Tier 2 – Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) by Monterey County with area-specific standards

Tier 3 – Standards for areas with impaired water bodies (none designated in Monterey County)

Tier 4 – System failure and owner responsibility

General Plan 2010

- General Plan Policy PS-4.12 requires wastewater plans for:
 - El Toro
 - Prunedale
 - Carmel Highlands
 - Carmel Valley



Monterey County's LAMP will include a section on Special Areas of Concern to address each of these areas

Moving Forward

April 19, 2016 – Request authorization to submit proposed LAMP to RWQCB for consideration

Summer-Fall 2016 – EHB conducts environmental review of proposed LAMP and conducts Planning Commission Workshop

Spring 2017 – Recommend adoption of LAMP and corresponding environmental document and obtain authorization to submit LAMP to RWQCB for approval

Spring 2017 – Spring 2018 – EHB recommends ordinance changes to make MCC, Chapter 15.20, Sewage Disposal Ordinance, consistent with approved LAMP

May 13, 2018 – LAMP (or Tier 1) Standards become effective



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