

**To:** Board of Supervisors  
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**Subject:** Local Area Management Plan (LAMP)  
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Environmental Health Services received additional comments and suggested language for Section V of the Local Area Management Plan for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems from the Regional Water Board on December 8, 2014. These additional comments address degraded basins and it augments language in the current draft LAMP. The specific details added remain consistent with the intent and standards contained in Tier III, they do not conflict with language already contained in the draft, and do not impose requirements of the county that are not already addressed in the LAMP. There are no new requirements as a result of this language.

The suggested language from the Regional Water Board is underlined in the language below.

### **Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems in Degraded Basins**

If the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board finds that a groundwater basin or sub-basin in the County is exceeding nitrate or pathogen maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) and that the use of OWTS is causing or contributing to such exceedances, Santa Barbara County will develop an Advanced Protection Management Program in close consultation with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. The APMP will require supplemental treatment for all new and replacement systems in such areas; mandatory, routine inspections and maintenance; connection to public sewers; or other appropriate actions. The supplemental treatment standards will be equivalent to Tier 3 requirements to the greatest extent practicable. The requirements for existing systems will be consistent with Tier 4 of the Policy. The County will require substantial conformance with current standards, including supplemental treatment standards, to the greatest extent practicable or as specified in the APMP. Variances are not allowed for the requirements stated in sections 9.4.1 through 9.4.9 of the Policy.

See the section titled “Advanced Protection Management Plan” for additional requirements that apply to areas subject to Tier 3 of the Policy.

## **ADVANCED PROTECTION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Finally, the State Policy stipulates that existing, new and replacement OWTS that are located near a water body that has been listed as impaired due to nitrogen or pathogens pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act may be addressed by a TMDL and its implementation program, by special provisions contained in a Local Agency Management Program or by the specific requirements of Tier 3.

If a water body in the county is designated as “impaired,” Santa Barbara County will develop an Advanced Protection Management Program (APMP) in accordance with the established TMDL. In the absence of an approved TMDL, the APMP will be developed in close consultation with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and may include but not be limited to requirements for supplemental treatment for existing systems and mandatory, routine monitoring inspections as specified determined in order to be consistent with the Policy. In the absence of a TMDL or an APMP approved by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the provisions of Tier 3 of the Policy shall apply to OWTS adjacent to water body segments listed in Attachment 2 to the Policy.