

August 04, 2016

Dear Alameda County Resident,

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) program, also known as the Land-Use program, provides this correspondence as an update on the efforts to prepare Alameda County's Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). The development of the LAMP is in response to the State Water Quality Control Board new OWTS Policy and is designed for the oversight of OWTS or septic systems throughout the County. The goal of these new requirements is to protect and preserve the quality of surface waters and groundwater.

Over the last three years and from numerous public meetings, workshops, interactions with constituents, practitioners, Boards, Commissions and consultants, DEH has received the critical feedback and input necessary for the development of the draft provisional LAMP documents.

Recently on the evening of August 02, 2016, DEH participated in a special meeting of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to provide a presentation on the status of the draft LAMP documents, hear comments from the public and receive directions from the BOS towards the finalizing of the draft provisional documents. As a reminder the LAMP consists of the following:

The Local Agency Management Program for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems describing the geographical terrain of Alameda County and its current baseline environmental conditions.

The Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance providing the County's local law establishing standards for OWTS within the County in order to prevent environmental degradation including pollution of surface water and groundwater and to protect public health, safety and welfare.

The Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Manual containing the procedural and technical details required to implement the Ordinance and includes standards for the design, installation and permitting of OWTS.

DEH is currently in the process of modifying the draft provisional LAMP documents by incorporating recent feedback. After an internal review the draft documents will be posted on the Department of Environmental Health website. The link to the Draft LAMP Documents page is http://www.acgov.org/acch/landuse/draft_lamp.htm. For those who do not have access to the internet hard copies of the documents will be available at the following locations:

- BOS District 1 Office 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton 94566 (925) 551-6995
- BOS District 2 Office 24301 Southland Drive Suite 101 Hayward 94545 (510) 259-1097
- BOS District 4 Office 20980 Redwood Road Suite 250 Castro Valley 94546 (510) 670-5717
- Alameda County Department of Environmental Health 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway Alameda 94502
- Alameda County Community Development Agency 224 Winton Avenue Suite 110, Hayward, CA 94544

Posting to the website should be completed the week of August 08, 2016 and the date of posting will commence the required thirty (30) day Public Comment Period. Comments on the draft documents should be emailed using the attached Comment Form (also available on the webpage) to dilan.roe@acgov.org or teena.le@acgov.org. Instructions for completing the Comment Form are on the form itself and on the DEH webpage. Completed Comment Forms can also be US mailed to the DEH at the above address to the attention of the Land-Use Program, Dilan Roe or Teena Le.

Comments on the draft provisional LAMP documents will be accepted by the Department during the comment period. Comments will be aggregated and presented to the Board of Supervisors at the September 27, 2016 BOS meeting as a LAMP development update. DEH will be seeking directions from the BOS based on those comments and will inform any modifications to the final LAMP documents. After BOS approval the final provisional LAMP documents will be submitted to the State Water Quality Control Board.

DEH will be planning workshops for Property Owners and other constituents to address their OWTS issues during the period of the State's review of Alameda County's documents. Those workshops will be announced on the DEH website and via mailing to stakeholders. For additional information about future meetings, please refer to the website at http://www.acgov.org/acch/landuse/events_announcements.htm.

The DEH is grateful for the active community participation and looks forward to working together to complete this process.

Sincerely,



Ronald Browder, Acting Director