

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 4, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair, excused Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
Supervisor Nate Miley

County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Presentation of the Draft Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP), Onsite Wastewater Systems Manual, and Ordinance Amendments – Environmental Health Department

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Dilan Roe, Supervising Hazardous Materials Specialist, Environmental Health Department and Norman Hantzsche, Consultant with Questa Engineering, presented a draft ordinance of Onsite Wastewater Treatments systems with amendments and a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the proposed Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP).

The County's existing ordinance on Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems was adopted in 2007. The key areas of proposed changes to the existing ordinance include:

Regulations

- Updated soil and site evaluation procedures
- New vertical separation requirements between dispersal systems and groundwater
- More treatment and dispersal designs
- Regulations for non-discharging systems (holding tanks, vault toilets, portable/waterless toilets)

Operations, maintenance and monitoring

- Clarification of Grandfathered and Failing System Definitions
- Implementation of Existing Regulations
- Biennial Registration of Standard Systems
- Annual Operating Permits for Advanced Systems
- Deed Restriction Requirement Removed – Replaced with Note on Deed
- Complaint Investigation Process

Public Review and Timeline

The public review and comment period for the ordinance revisions is March 16, 2016 through May 1, 2016. The public review and comment period the LAMP is March 21, 2016 through May 1, 2016. The public review and comment period for the Technical Manual is April 4, 2016 through May 1, 2016.

Submittal of draft interim documents and response to the Regional Water Board – May 13, 2016
Submittal of draft final documents and response to the Regional Water Board – September 13, 2016

Speakers

Bob Feinbaum stated that he is pleased that the public comment period has been extended. He suggests that the Board secure funding to assist homeowners to replace Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and it should be a part of the ordinance.

Ken Nedderman lives in the Oakland hills and has considered tying his system into the City of Oakland sewer system however it would be very expensive. He also asked if Redwood tanks are still non-compliant even if they are working correctly.

Stan Ross lives in the Oakland hills, the City of Oakland could bring a sewer line closer to residents in the area it would be a lot less work.

Laura Accinelli lives on Skyline Boulevard in the Oakland hills. All systems will not necessarily be declared failing; in addition she asked what are the fees associated with the ordinance. She suggests that the County look into private funding, environmental funding to assist homeowners with septic tank replacement.

Jennifer Gharrett lives in the Oakland hills and one fourth of a mile away from a city sewer line, she has a Redwood tank and she has clay soil; she asked if her system is considered a failing system because of the soil type.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Miley stated that is willing to contact representatives of the City of Oakland to facilitate conversations with the Environmental Health Department and residents interested in connecting to city sewer systems

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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