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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2018
To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
From: Mendocino County Environmental Health
Subject: Revised Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) Discussion

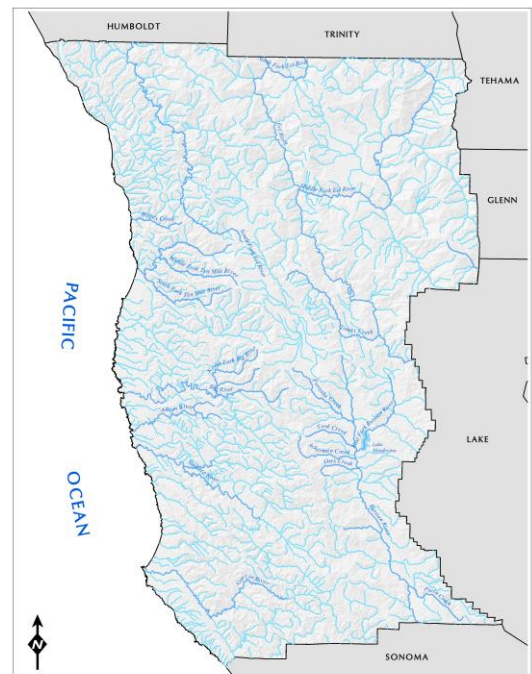
In 2000, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 885 (Water Code § 13290) which required the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt regulations or standards for the permitting and operation of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS). Prior to AB 885 standards for OWTS varied across the State based on the regional Basin Plans and the local agencies policies.

The OWTS Policy was adopted by the SWRCB on June 19, 2012, approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 13, 2012, and effective Date of the Policy: May 13, 2013.

The purpose of this Policy is to allow the continued use of OWTS, while protecting water quality and public health. The Policy recognizes that responsible local agencies can provide the most effective means to manage OWTS on a routine basis. It is the intent of this policy to efficiently utilize and approve existing local programs through coordination between the State and local agencies.

Tier 1 of the OWTS Policy is the SWRCB design criteria, which is very restrictive. Tier 2 is the Local Agency Management Programs (LAMPs) which provide alternate design criteria from the Tier 1 program to achieve the same policy purpose, which is to protect water quality and public health.

On May 17, 2016 Environmental Health presented the draft Mendocino County LAMP to the BOS. At that time the BOS approved the draft LAMP for submittal to the



North Coast Region Water Quality Control Board (NCRQWCB) for approval. The NCRWQCB gave comments and minor revisions were made to the LAMP. The NCRWQCB then approved the Mendocino County LAMP with revisions and it is now before the BOS for review and adoption. Environmental Health staff is currently working with the NCRWQCB to develop a policy addressing the use of composting toilets, to be incorporated into the approved LAMP with BOS approval by the end of 2018.

Upon BOS adoption a County Code update will be required to Chapter 16.08. This update will change the governing authority from the NCRWQCB Basin Plan to the Mendocino County LAMP for all standards regarding the design, operation, and maintenance of OWTS.

Included in this packet are the following documents:

- Revised LAMP (NCRWQCB-approved)
- SWRCB OWTS Policy (adopted June 2012)
- NCRWQCB LAMP comments
- NCRWQCB Division of Drinking Water LAMP comments
- NCRWQCB Groundwater Protection and Point Source Control Division LAMP comments
- LAMP PowerPoint presentation