



**COUNTY OF NEVADA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

950 MAIDU AVENUE, SUITE 170, NEVADA CITY, CA 95959-8617  
(530) 265-1222 ~ FAX (530) 478-5799 <http://mynevadacounty.com>

**Sean Powers, Agency Director**

Agricultural Commissioner

Building

Code Compliance

Environmental Health

Farm Advisor

Planning

Public Works

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

**MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Amy Irani, Director of Environmental Health**

**SUBJECT:** A public hearing to consider a Resolution approving the adoption and implementation of the County of Nevada Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) and Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Policy as approved and adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) on April 7, 2017 and to introduce, waive further reading, and adopt an Ordinance amending Section L-VI 1.1-1.22 of the Land Use and Development Code.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Conduct the Public Hearing to review proposed changes to the LAMP and OWTS Policy.
2. Adopt a Resolution to approve and implement the Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) and On-Site Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Policy.
3. Introduce, waive further reading, an Ordinance amending Section L-VI 1.1-1.22 of the Land Use and Development Code.

**FUNDING:** No fiscal impact at this time.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State of California Water Resources Control Board's Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy (OWTS Policy June 2012) establishes a statewide, risk-based, tiered approach for the regulation and management of onsite wastewater treatment systems (commonly called septic systems). The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board approved and adopted the Nevada County LAMP and OWTS policy per State Order R5-2017-0047 on April 7, 2017.

The OWTS Policy authorizes local enforcement agencies to continue to permit septic systems under a customized local program that complies with the OWTS Policy Tier 2 requirements. In the interest of maintaining local control of the permitting of septic systems in the County of Nevada, and in the best interest of serving residents and businesses, the Tier 2 option was chosen.

Changes and modifications to the previously approved On-Site Sewage Disposal Regulations (Reso. # 98-217) are proposed, however, no substantial changes with respect to circumstances under which the LAMP will be undertaken have occurred, and no new information triggers the need for supplemental or subsequent CEQA analysis. The LAMP has been prepared wholly within the scope of the OWTS as

analyzed by the CVRWQCB. As such, adoption and implementation of the LAMP does not require further environmental review pursuant to the certified regulatory program or CEQA.

County of Nevada Environmental Health Department Staff along with primary guidance and oversight by NorthStar Engineering staff engineer Dominickus (Nick) J. Weigel and input from the Sewage Disposal Technical Advisory Group prepared the County of Nevada LAMP. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) Notice of Adoption Order R5-2017-0047 on April 7, 2017 approved the County of Nevada LAMP for implementation.

The LAMP updates the Land Use and Development Code Section L-VI 1.1-1.22 and changes require the Board to adopt the Ordinance to implement the updates.

**Item Initiated and Approved by: Amy Irani, Director of Environmental Health**

Submittal Date: April 20, 2018  
Revision Date: