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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: **January 24, 2017**

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the submittal of the Final Version of the County of Nevada On-Site Sewage Disposal Ordinance (OWTS) and Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

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 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.

Under Tier 2, the local enforcement agency may develop their own local program with alternative siting and designs standards for the purpose of addressing various site constraints unique to the local jurisdiction, while still providing the same level of protection of water quality and public health. The proposed LAMP must be submitted to the CVRWQCB no later than May 13, 2016. Failure to do so would result in the local enforcement agency being limited to only the Tier 1 Standards.

On May 10, 2016, County of Nevada Board of Supervisors' approved Resolution 16-196 authorizing the County of Nevada Environmental Health Department to submit the proposed draft LAMP and OWTS policy to the State of California Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (hereafter SWRCB) to solicit comments regarding the LAMP's proposed setbacks and notifications to water purveyors.

On December 17, 2016, the SWRCB completed review of County of Nevada Environmental Health Department modifications and corrections to the draft LAMP and OWTS policy as recommended by the SWRCB. The SWRCB approved the modifications and corrections of the draft LAMP and OWTS policy and requires the County of Nevada Environmental Health



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Department to request Board of Supervisors' approval to submit the Final version LAMP and OWTS policy to the CVRWQCB for final State approval in April 2017.

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. 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 Final Version County of Nevada LAMP and OWTS policy which is ready to be submitted to the CVRWQCB with the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

The Final Version LAMP and OWTS is ready to be submitted to the CVRWQCB upon approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Amy Irani

Submittal Date:
Revision Date: