

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE LOCAL AGENCY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN (LAMP)  
TO CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
FOR LOCAL OVERSIGHT OF THE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
SYSTEMS PROGRAM WITHIN PLUMAS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act in 1971 resulted in the formation of the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB); and

**WHEREAS**, under the California Water Code, the RWQCBs are vested with the authority to require individuals or entities to obtain Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) from the appropriate RWQCB if such individuals or entities intend to dispose of wastewater that has the potential to pollute waters of the state, both surface and groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, WDRs are designed to ensure that the beneficial uses of waters of the state are not impaired by wastewater discharges; and

**WHEREAS**, SWRCB has determined that subsurface discharge of effluent from onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) constitutes a discharge that could affect the quality of water of the state and are therefore subject to compliance with WDRs; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2012, the SWRCB adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, which in part approves the *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (hereafter the OWTS Policy); and

**WHEREAS**, the OWTS Policy establishes a statewide, risk-based, tiered approach for the regulation and management of OWTS installations and replacements and sets the level of performance and protection expected from OWTS; and

**WHEREAS**, the OWTS Policy allows local enforcement agencies to continue to implement a local program, either under conservative, largely prescriptive low risk Tier 1 standards, or alternative, largely performance-based Tier 2 standards in a Local Agency Management Plan (hereafter LAMP); and

**WHEREAS**, a local OWTS program under the Tier 1 standards would severely limit the ability of Plumas County to issue permits for new and replacement OWTS in many areas of the county due to various site constraints and conditions, and alternate methods from Tier 1 standards are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the OWTS Policy allows Plumas County to propose standards for new and replacement OWTS as a Tier 2 LAMP to the Central Valley RWQCB for approval, to provide an alternate method from Tier 1 programs with a water quality assessment program to achieve the same overall level of protection of water quality and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, Environmental Health has reviewed the local program including procedures, handbooks and ordinances and has determined the existing local program, with modification, can meet the Tier 2 requirements of the OWTS Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Environmental Health and Central Valley RWQCB staff have identified specific sections of Title 6, Chapters 6 and 11 of Plumas County Code that must be amended to ensure this LAMP complies with the SWRCB OWTS Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the LAMP must be submitted to the Central Valley RWQCB no later than May 13, 2016, and must be implemented prior to May 13, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors that Environmental Health is hereby authorized to submit the Tier 2 Local Agency Management Plan for new and replacement onsite wastewater treatment systems to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. After concurrence from the Central Valley RWQCB, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors intends to amend Title 6, Chapters 6 and 11 as proposed in the LAMP to ensure compliance with the SWRCB OWTS Policy.

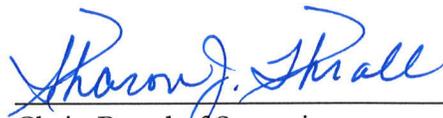
The forgoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on May 3, 2015 by the following vote:

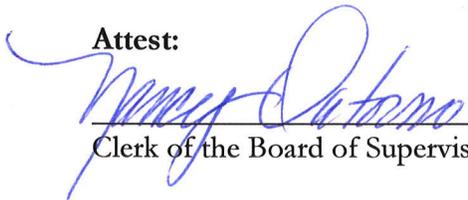
**Ayes:** SUPERVISORS ENGEL, SIMPSON, SWOFFORD, THRALL

**Noes:** NONE

**Absent:** SUPERVISOR GOSS

**Abstain:** NONE

  
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Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Attest:**  
  
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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors