



1

CHAPTERS 24 AND 27

- REPEALING LEGACY PROVISIONS AND MAKING CLARIFICATIONS AND TECHNICAL CHANGES

June 6, 2023

File ID: 2023-0576

Alex Rosas, Permit Sonoma Engineering Division Manager

Christine Sosko, Department of Health Services, Director of Environmental Health



Operational Permit Program Changes

- Operational Permit (OPR) Program originally created to comply with Water Board Basin Plan.
 - ▣ Required monitoring of any non-standard septic system thru issuance of OPR permits to property owners.
 - ▣ OPR permits require payment of yearly fees and county staff to inspect septic systems periodically.
- State's Policy for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (State OWTS Policy) supersedes Basin Plan.
 - ▣ Requires monitoring only for septic systems utilizing supplemental treatment.
 - ▣ OPR permits still required for these septic system types.

Operational Permit Program Changes

- Proposed changes to Chapter 24 will align County OPR Program with State OWTS Policy requirements.
- Approximately 3,000 OPR customers will graduate from OPR Program.
- Approximately 1,200 OPR customers will remain in OPR Program.

DHS Role in Title 24

- Environmental Health is the designated authority on behalf of the Health Officer to inspect and issue permits for septic hauling.
 - ▣ Clarified language to state septic hauling permits are required within city limits as well as the unincorporated county
 - ▣ Clarified language to state permits are required to haul waste from composting toilets
 - ▣ \$1,000 Bonds are no longer required

Title 27 Repeal

- The California Department of Public Health licenses and regulates potable water haulers pursuant to Statute.
- Chapter 27 of the County Code was enacted in 1976 and provides the Health Officer issue permits for the “Transport of Water for Domestic Use”.
- Chapter 27 is being repealed to remove duplicative requirements to permit potable water haulers.



Questions?

