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HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPPOSES NEW STATE SEPTIC RULES

The Homestead Valley Community Council added its voice to the local water districts that oppose the State Water Resources Control Board's proposal to change requirements for septic systems. The state agency proposes changing regulations to require property be a minimum of 2 ½ acres if the dwelling would use a septic system. The changes would take effect in five years. Exceptions could be made for smaller size parcels if homeowners get a permit for their septic system from their regional control board. However, Governor Jerry Brown has proposed eliminating the Colorado River Regional Water Control Board, which oversees the Morongo Basin. If the Colorado River board is eliminated, homeowners would have to apply to Lahanton Regional Water Control Board, which is based in South Lake Tahoe. Written comments on the proposed septic regulations must be received by noon on Friday. For more information on how to submit public comments on the proposed septic system changes, visit www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/notice_owts031912.pdf

Written comments must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday May 4, 2012 and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: "Comment Letter – OWTS Policy"