

Please accept this email as my response to concerns over the pending new policy. I am a senior citizen, and cannot afford the added cost of thousands of dollars to make changes to my septic tank. I live on Ag-Res property in Elk Grove, which is approximately 2 acres in size. This puts me into the Tier 2 category under the proposed new plan.

"The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (SCEMD) estimates that over 95% of the existing OWTS within this county will be unable to comply with the Tier 1 "low risk" standards when a repair or modification is needed. The primary reasons for non compliance with Tier 1 standards are due to unfavorable shallow soil conditions (hardpan, high abundance of clays, high groundwater, etc), inadequate lot sizes (less than 2.5 acres), proximity to public water wells and surface water intakes (200'-1200'), and proximity to streams, rivers, creeks, wetlands, and vernal pools (100' plus)."

I have never had any problems with my system, nor have I ever had any problems with the quality of my well water. I enjoy drinking water right from the faucet. This goes for all my neighbors, too. However, your proposed legislation will still negatively affect all of us, by forcing us to pay thousands of dollars and most likely additional annual fees! Money we can't afford - especially as seniors!

I oppose any new legislation which will end up costing me money; and as a taxpayer, I oppose any new legislation which will end up costing taxpayers additional fees. We certainly have enough problems in California without adding any additional burdens. We simply cannot afford this regulatory action!

"The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (SCEMD) would have to prepare and submit a Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) to the CVRWQCB. The LAMP would describe the oversight program for all Tier 2 systems and must be approved by the CVRWQCB in order for the SCEMD to allow Tier 2 system repair or installation. Additional activities are required for a Tier 2 program which may require additional costs and more oversight."

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