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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Emailed to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov**

RE: Comment Letter – OWTS Policy

Dear State Water Board Members and Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate as a stakeholder in the development of the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (Policy). We are pleased to inform you that while not all of our comments were constructively addressed in the Final Draft dated March 20, 2012, we are confident that the Policy will serve to protect water quality and public health while allowing the continued use of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) in California.

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The CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® has participated as a stakeholder in the AB 885 regulatory process since it began in 2002. During this process we have represented not only the interests of our 164,000 REALTOR® members, we have also served as a voice for the interests of property owners who currently own, or might someday own, an OWTS.

We are confident that REALTORS® throughout the state will continue to engage in local development of Tier 2 OWTS policies to suit the needs and constraints of their local conditions. We appreciate that the Policy offers this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jelisaveta Gavric  
Legislative Advocate



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