



**Statewide OWTS (Septics) Policy
Staff Workshops
Fall 2011**

AGENDA:

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Short Video
- 3) Draft Policy Presentation
- 4) Web Map Presentation
- 5) Opportunity for Comment

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Comparison Table – The Old Version vs. The New Version

State Water Board staff carefully evaluated the public comments received on the 2008 draft version of the regulations. The new draft policy provides a way to resolve OWTS related water quality issues without overburdening owners of functioning and properly sited septic systems, while still complying with the requirements of AB 885. Below is a table with some of the more significant differences:

	OLD Draft Regulations	NEW Draft Policy
Mandatory Solids Testing For Every Tank	YES	NO
Mandatory Domestic Well Water Testing	YES	NO
Requires Operating Manual Upon Property Sale	YES	NO
Allows Local Programs For Local Conditions	NO	YES
Estimated Cost Over 10 Years to Most Existing Septic Owners*	\$1,000	\$0

**Tier 0 Systems (existing, functioning systems, not near impaired waters)*

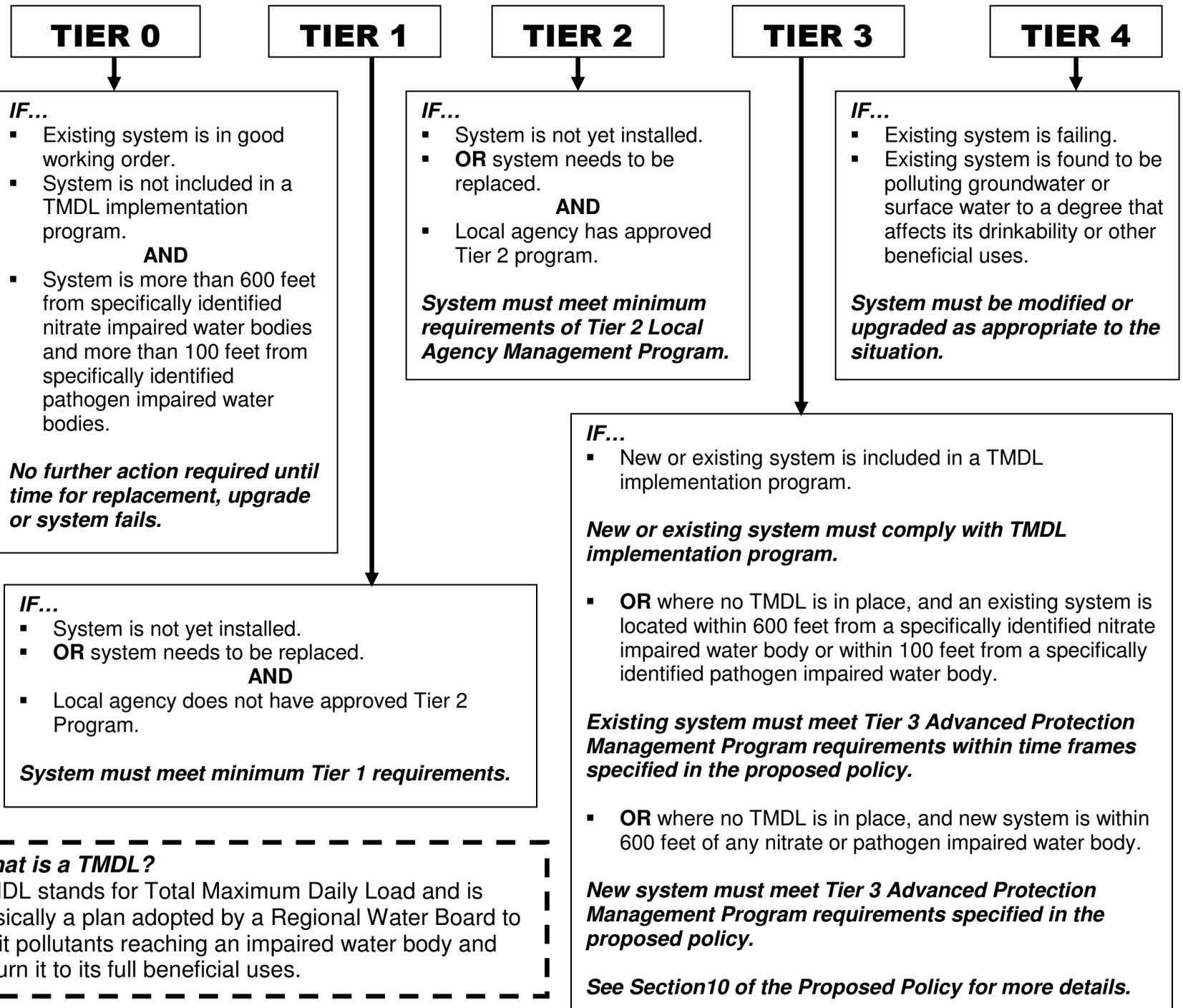
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What is a TMDL?
TMDL stands for Total Maximum Daily Load and is basically a plan adopted by a Regional Water Board to limit pollutants reaching an impaired water body and return it to its full beneficial uses.