

Board Action

Environmental Management Department recommending the following pertaining to Assembly Bill 885 (AB 885):

- (1) Authorize Chairman to sign letter for submittal to the State Water Resources Control Board by February 23, 2009 regarding AB 885 onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) proposed regulations and Draft Environmental Impact Report, citing issues as described in the analysis of the impacts;
- (2) Direct Environmental Management staff to continue to work with Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) with the goal of developing a reasonable set of minimum standards for OWTS strictly applicable to jurisdictions where the degradation of water quality has been scientifically proven to be caused by OWTS, while recognizing that many jurisdictions already have adequate OWTS regulations;
- (3) Direct the Environmental Management staff to provide periodic updates to the Board as this issue is addressed;
- (4) Authorize other actions that the Board deems appropriate, possibly including the presence of interested members of the Board of Supervisors or their designees to appear when the SWRCB holds the public hearing;
- (5) Support legislation to repeal AB 885