

ACTION MINUTES

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

July 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Boitano, Supervisor, District IV

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Forster, Supervisor, District II

Supervisor Boitano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the March 15, 2012 minutes was continued until next meeting.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

**ITEM 1. STATUS REPORT ON THE ADOPTION OF AB 885 ON-SITE SEWAGE POLICY BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD—
Environmental Health
(Present: Mike Israel, Environmental Health)**

Mr. Israel, Environmental Health, reviewed the status of AB 885 and provided the Committee with a list of key issues in the development of a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for Amador County (attached).

The AB 885 one-site sewage policy was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board, and barring challenge, will become effective in December. Within a year of the effective date, the Regional Boards will be revising the basin plans to be consistent with the policy; two years after that, local jurisdictions will be developing and submitting their LAMP.

Mr. Israel reviewed the 5 tiers in the structure of the policy:

- Tier 0--existing systems that are functioning properly.
- Tier 1--new and replacement systems that comply with Chapter 7
- Tier 2--local jurisdictions propose their own program
- Tier 3--systems with 600 feet of listed water bodies
- Tier 4--failing systems

He said he is unaware of a jurisdiction that will be able to operate without a Tier 2 program.

Mr. Israel said the next steps will be to maintain contact with the Regional Board in order to follow where the basin plans are going. He would like to have the Amador City and Martell area on-site wastewater system prohibitions eliminated from the basin plan, and he would like to request that the local agencies receive copies of all monitoring reports submitted to the Regional Board by permitted dischargers. He also plans on meeting with the Environmental Health Directors of Mariposa, Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties to share ideas and compare notes so their LAMPS can be similar.

Supervisor Boitano verified that study sessions regarding this policy would be held before the Board of Supervisors and confirmed that the Buena Vista Casino would not be within the County's jurisdiction under the policy.

Mr. Israel said he foresees three levels in the on-site sewage program—a basic ordinance, policies, and best practices.

He further noted that Chapter 14 of the policy provides for financial assistance. Amador County already has in place the Safe Drinking Water Program which could serve as a model.

Mr. Israel also indicated in conjunction with the LAMP he will be bringing before the Board of Supervisors a revised well ordinance that sets forth production requirements; i.e. >5 gpm is acceptable, ½ to 5 gpm would need some type of storage, and < ½ gpm would need a plan prepared by a licensed well driller or qualified consultant. The revised ordinance will require a clean bacteriological sample as well as a nitrate sample.

Committee Action: The Committee directed Mr. Israel to bring this matter back before the Committee next meeting in order to give Supervisor Forster the opportunity ask any questions or make any comments he may have regarding this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.