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Environmental Protection Oversight

DEH TEMECULA WINE COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS

For commercial projects in the Temecula Wine Country area that intend to utilize an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS)/septic system for sewage disposal, the following criteria must be met to be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH):

- Sewer must be imminent. To meet this definition, the sewerage agency must provide documentation which states that sewer will be available for a project to make a lateral connection within 2 years.
- Only domestic wastewater flows will be considered.
- If any discharge of domestic wastewater flows is proposed, the maximum will be 1200 gallons per day (gpd) for the whole project. Note: Project will include **all** domestic wastewater flows on a parcel/site/entitlement, including “residential” flows.
- Obtain and maintain a valid Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) that is in good standing with DEH for the system.
- Food facilities cannot use a holding tank for sewage disposal.

If the above conditions are met, DEH can permit the following types of temporary systems:

Option 1: Holding Tank System

Option 2: Hybrid OWTS System

Refer to Holding Tank System / Hybrid System guidelines for more information.

All projects will be subject to a review and evaluation process with DEH. Projects that fall outside the scope of DEH will be referred to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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