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### Wastewater documents ready for public review, comment

As part of the process of reviewing its onsite wastewater (septic) permitting program, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health (DEH) released three draft documents for public review and comment.

In October 2014, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors directed DEH to develop a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). An approved LAMP is the board's chosen option for complying with the state's onsite wastewater policy.

The county is reviewing its permitting program and proposing revisions and additions to comply with state policy. DEH will submit the final LAMP to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for review by May 13, 2016. Approval must be received within one year of submittal, and Humboldt County must show full compliance with the state policy by May 13, 2018.

The draft LAMP along with draft revisions to two supporting documents (Humboldt County Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Regulations and Humboldt County Code) have been prepared with input from a working group of local stakeholders. The three documents and more information about the project are available on the DEH Land Use webpage:  
<http://humboldt.gov/685/Land-Use-Program>.

Written comments may be submitted to [envhealth@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:envhealth@co.humboldt.ca.us) through March 6, 2016 with the word "LAMP" in the subject line. Questions can be submitted in writing or by calling 707-445-6215 or 1-800-963-9241 and speaking with a specialist in the Land Use Program.

DEH will hold an informational meeting at South Fork High School in Southern Humboldt on Wednesday, Jan. 20 and at Trinidad Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 26 to answer questions about the draft documents.

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