

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>POLICY TITLE:</b> <b>Use of Septic Tanks in Commercial Areas</b>	<b>NUMBER:</b> <b>1985-01</b>	<b>PAGE:</b> <b>1 of 1</b>
<b>APPROVED BY:</b> <b>Zone 7 Board</b>	<b>REVISION:</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> <b>August 28, 1985</b>

WHEREAS, it is well established that although domestic septic tanks represent a source of degradation of the groundwater within Zone 7 some are permitted under strict conditions; and

WHEREAS, it may reasonably be anticipated that commercial and industrial facilities may generate sewage of higher toxicity and in larger volumes than domestic septic tank users; and

WHEREAS, the Zone has a policy of groundwater protection as expressed in the Wastewater Management Plan for the Unsewered, Unincorporated Area of Alameda Creek Watershed Above Niles, dated May 19, 1982, with strict controls on the disposal of treated sewage which may affect the quality of the groundwater; and

WHEREAS, such plan focused the use of septic tanks for rural residential units and did not consider their use on new developments zoned for industrial or commercial use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Zone 7 Board of Directors of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District hereby finds that the use of septic tanks for new development zoned for commercial or industrial uses generally produces unacceptable risk to the quality of the groundwater resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby establishes a policy of prohibition to the use of septic tanks for new development zoned for commercial or industrial uses which overlies the central groundwater basin, any of its fringe areas or subbasins, or any body of groundwater hydrologically connected with the central basin unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated to the Board that the wastewater loading will be no more than the loading from an equivalent rural residential unit and said septic tanks will be in compliance with all other conditions and provisions.

### HISTORY

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