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**ELEMENT 4**  
**Legal & Other Requirements****Summary**

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Regulations are the major driving force for agencies that manage biosolids. There are several critical federal, state, and local regulations that affect the Encina Wastewater Authority's (EWA) land application of biosolids. The critical regulations include:

***Federal Regulations***

Federal regulations define pollutant levels for nine metals and specify pathogen and vector attraction reduction parameters.

***State Regulations***

Applicable state regulations include regulations for the state in which biosolids are produced and the state in which they are ultimately reused or disposed. Other application state regulations include regulations for safety and transportation.

***Local Laws and Regulations***

Local requirements for land application in California include Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and ordinances. County ordinances on land application may include requirements much more stringent than state and federal requirements.

***Other Requirements***

Other requirements affecting biosolids management may include policy requirements or product quality requirements.

***Future Legal and Other Requirements***

The Department of Environmental Compliance monitors the latest updates and changes to regulations and other requirements affecting biosolids activities and provides relevant information to each department as appropriate. The Department of Environmental Compliance also reviews new regulations and other requirements that could impact biosolids and disseminates pertinent information to EWA personnel that may be impacted.