

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-0056**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO REVISE
SODIUM-RELATED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR
SURFACE WATERS OF THE CARSON AND WALKER RIVER WATERSHEDS

WHEREAS:

1. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) adopted a revised Basin Plan that went into effect on March 31, 1995.
2. On October 12, 2006, the Lahontan Water Board adopted [Resolution R6T-2006-0047](#) (Attachment) amending the Basin Plan to revise sodium-related water quality standards for surface waters of the Carson and Walker River watersheds.
3. The Lahontan Water Board found that the analysis contained in the staff report, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) checklist, supporting documentation, and response to comments comply with the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq.
4. The Lahontan Water Board found that adoption of the amendment would have no significant effect on the environment, consistent with the substitute environmental documents required by CEQA.
5. The Lahontan Water Board found that the Basin Plan amendment will ensure the reasonable protection of the beneficial uses of surface waters within the Region and is consistent with the State Antidegradation Policy ([State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16](#)) and federal antidegradation requirements.
6. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans, and section 13241, which requires adoption of objectives to reasonably protect the past, present, and probable future beneficial uses.
7. The proposed amendment was reviewed by an external scientific peer reviewer pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 57004. The technical staff report for the proposed amendment was changed as a result of the scientific review process, and the proposed amendment met the necessity standard of the Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code Section 11353 (b)).
8. On October 12, 2006, the Lahontan Water Board held a public hearing to consider the Basin Plan amendment. Notice of the public hearing was given to all interested persons and published in accordance with Water Code Section 13244.

9. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The amendment must also be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted under the Lahontan Water Board [Resolution R6T-2006-0047](#).
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under the Lahontan Water Board [Resolution R6T-2006-0047](#) to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to U.S. EPA for the approval of the amendment.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Acting Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 18, 2007.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Frances Spivy-Weber
Charles R. Hoppin

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Jeanine Townsend
Acting Clerk to the Board