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## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

### MINUTES

**April 26, 2023**

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)  
conducted this meeting at the location shown below:

Barstow Community College  
**Black Box Theater**  
2700 Barstow Road, Barstow CA 92311

And

Via Video and Teleconference (Gov. Code § 11133)

#### Water Board Members

Peter C. Pumphrey, Chair, Chalfant	Kimberly Cox, Helendale
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee	Essra Mostafavi, Bishop
Keith Dyas, Rosamond	

#### State Water Board

Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel      Sean Maguire, State Water Board Liaison

#### Water Board Staff

Mike Plaziak, Executive Officer	Ben Letton, Assistant Executive Officer
Jan Zimmerman, Sr. Engineering Geologist	Patrice Copeland, Supervising Engineering Geologist
Amanda Lopez, Engineering Geologist	Timothy Middlemis-Clark, Supervising WRC Engineer
John Morales, WRC Engineer	Andrew Jensen, Environmental Program Mgr.
Katrina Fleshman, Executive Assistant	Ghasem Pour-Ghasemi, Sr. WRC Engineer

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**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, @ 12:30 p.m.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and discussed procedures for in-person and video and teleconference meeting. Chair Pumphrey introduced AGP Video and gave direction to the public that wish to speak. Chair Pumphrey introduced the Water Board Members and the Water Board staff.

#### **1. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public comments.

## 2. MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Cox, seconded by Member Keith Dyas, to approve the March 1, 2023, meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Pumphrey called for a roll call vote and the motion carried per the following votes:

Chair Pumphrey	Aye
Vice-Chair Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dyas	Aye
Member Mostafavi	Aye

[View the adopted March 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)

## 3. REPORTS BY WATER BOARD CHAIR AND WATER BOARD MEMBERS

State Board member, Sean Maguire, gave updates to the Water Board. Including current drought updates. Workshop was held in February regarding Mercury in the waters.

## 4. USGS Background Study and PG&E Hinkley Annual Update. Report out on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Results of the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr[VI]) Background Study, Hinkley, California.

Water Board staff, Amanda Lopez, Engineering Geologist, provided the Water Board with a summary of the history and development of the USGS Background Study. Dr. John Izbicki provided a high-level overview of the USGS's Chromium Background Study. Ms. Lopez also provided a brief timeline of the next steps for the project. Contemplated next steps include allowing the public and Water Board members time to review the report and providing another opportunity for the public to ask Dr. Izbicki questions at a future Water Board Meeting in 2023.

Ms. Lopez indicated in August 2023 Dr. Izbicki will return to answer questions about the background study. The Lahontan Water Board staff will provide more detail on incorporating the background study into the revised CAO, and provide a progress update on the CAO revision.

Dr. Izbicki's Report dated April 26, 2023, was discussed, and is available to view at: [PP 1885: Natural and Anthropogenic \(Human-Made\) Hexavalent Chromium, Cr\(VI\), in Groundwater Near a Mapped Plume, Hinkley, California \(usgs.gov\)](#)

WATER BOARD TOOK A BREAK 3:18 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Kemper, former Water Board employee.

Ian Baker, Manager for chromium remediation at PG&E.

Loren Pitts, Hinkley resident.

Daren Banks, Hinkley resident.

Dr. Raudel Sanchez, Independent Review Panel Manager, and technical consultant for the PG&E/Hinkley community.

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD MEMBERS

Water Board Member Dr. Horne thanked Dr. Izbicki and the Water Board staff for their work on this issue.

Water Board Member Essra Mostafavi, asked Dr. Izbicki clarifying questions about his presentation.

Water Board member, Dr. Cox, indicated Dr. Izbicki's report is extensive. Dr. Cox asked once the Water Board members have time to review Dr. Izbicki's Report, how will staff move forward with getting the Water Board members questions answered on this Report? Mr. Plaziak said he will work on a solution and get back to the Water Board with his suggestions for getting answers for the Water Board members.

**~~REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 27, 2023, @ 9:30 a.m.~~**

### **~~CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS~~**

Second day was canceled, and all items moved to first day

### **~~5. PUBLIC FORUM~~**

Canceled

## **6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Executive Officer, Michael R. Plaziak, provided an update to the Water Board and public on key actions and activities in the Lahontan region, including the items below.

- a. Personnel Report:
  - Vacancy rate
  - Discussed pending retirements
  - Promotions
  - Introduced new staff.
- b. Monopine Investigation Status.

Water Board staff, Shelby Barker, Sr. Engineering Geologist, provided an update on the 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Violations Report.

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Dr. Horne indicated at the last Board meeting the Water Board asked Water Board staff to compile a list of impediments for funding projects for small/disadvantaged communities in the Lahontan Region. Dr. Horne asked if there was any progress on that request. Mr. Plaziak responded staff does not have an update at this time, and he will provide that information to Board members before, or at the next meeting.

Dr. Horne asked about the Swamp 20-year review report, and if Lahontan staff has any updates on the progress in implementing the recommendations. Water Board staff, Mr. Andrew Jensen, Environmental Program Manager, replied that there is more planning and progress to implement. Once Water Board staff has an update, they will provide that to the Water Board.

**7. \*Rescission of Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035 Master Water Recycling Requirements and Waste Discharge Requirements for Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD) Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water.**

Water Board staff, John Yu, Water Resource Control Engineer, asked the Water Board to consider rescinding the master water recycling requirements (WRRs), so MCWD could become an Administrator of recycled water under State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (General Order) upon issuance of a Notice of Applicability for the General Order.

Mr. Garrett Higerd, District Engineer with the Mammoth Community Water District indicated he was available if anyone had questions regarding this General Order. No staff or public expressed that they had questions.

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Horne, seconded by Member Dr. Cox, to rescinding master water recycling requirements (WRRs), so MCWD could become an Administrator of recycled water under State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (General Order) upon issuance of a Notice of Applicability for the General Order as presented. Chair Pumphrey called for a roll call vote and the motion carried per the following votes:

Chair Pumphrey	Aye
Vice-Chair Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dyas	Aye
Member Mostafavi	Aye

~~**8. General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairy and Other Confined Cattle Facilities**~~


**Moved to future Water Board meeting.**

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

The Water Board members did not go into Closed Session on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. on April 26, 2023.

Prepared by:  Adopted: June 28, 2023  
Katrina Fleshman, Water Board Clerk