
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 12, 2019

LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE LAHONTAN REGION'S PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d)/305(b) SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT (INTEGRATED REPORT)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is proposing revisions to the Integrated Report. The proposed revisions include recommended updates to the Section 303(d) list of impaired surface waters and a report of non-impaired surface waters under CWA Section 305(b). All assessed waters are within the Lahontan Region.

CWA Sections 303(d) and 305(b) require states to assess the quality of their surface waters on a regular basis. The purpose of these assessments is to identify water bodies that are "impaired" and do not meet water quality standards. Lahontan Water Board staff has prepared its 2018 Lahontan Region Integrated Report Staff Report for consideration by the Lahontan Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The 2018 Lahontan Region Integrated Report Staff Report includes 303(d) listing recommendations, along with the technical rationale for these recommendations. The Lahontan Water Board will consider adoption of a Resolution recommending these changes to the State Water Resources Control Board for inclusion on the statewide 2018 303(d) list, and ultimately to United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Notice is Hereby Given that the Lahontan Water Board will accept written comments on the proposed revisions to the 2018 Integrated Report as set forth in this notice.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The 2018 Lahontan Region Integrated Report Staff Report, including proposed revisions to the Section 303(d) list, and waterbody factsheets and other appendices are available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated_report/index.php

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The draft resolution will be publicly available a minimum of 10 days prior to the Board hearing. Because of the large document size, the Lahontan Water Board will not be distributing paper copies of these documents unless otherwise requested. To obtain a paper copy of the documents or portions of the documents, please contact the Lahontan Water Board front desk by email at lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov, or by telephone at 530-542-5400.

Written comments must be received at the Lahontan Water Board's South Lake Tahoe office by **5:00 pm, Monday, July 15, 2019** to allow full consideration of comments and adequate time for preparing written responses by Lahontan Water Board staff.

Written comments may be submitted in paper format or by email. Written comments sent by mail should be addressed to:

**Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Jennifer Watts and Ed Hancock
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe CA 96150**

Written comments sent electronically should be sent to Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov. Please include "**Comments-2018 Integrated Report**" in the subject line of your email and paper copy submittals.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the 2018 Integrated Report at the date identified below. Public comment may be limited by the Lahontan Water Board Chair to allow all persons time to be heard. At this hearing, the Water board will consider adoption of a resolution recommending the proposed changes to the State Water Resources Control Board for inclusion on the statewide 2018 303(d) list.

WHEN: September 18th or 19th, 2019
WHERE: Lahontan Water Board Annex Hearing Room
971 Silver Dollar Ave
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

The Agenda for the Lahontan Water Board's public meeting is available on the Water Board's public website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/, and is typically posted 10-15 days prior to the meeting. The Agenda will identify the specific meeting location, date, and starting time.

The location where the public hearing will take place is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Katrina Fleshman, Executive Assistant, at Katrina.fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5414, no later than 10 days before the public hearing if you are an individual who requires special accommodations.

After the staff presentation and opportunities for public comment and Water Board discussion, the Lahontan Water Board will consider approving recommendations for revisions to the Section 303(d) list. The Lahontan Water Board will not take formal action on staff's assessments of non-impaired waters under Clean Water Act Section 305(b). However, public comments or public testimony may be submitted on these assessments, which are documented in waterbody fact sheets. Waterbody fact sheets can be found in Appendix H.

Integrated Report waterbody assessments were primarily based on data from the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). The Lahontan Water Board is not soliciting additional data for the 2018 assessment. To be included in future Integrated report cycles, data should be entered into the CEDEN. For information regarding entering data to CEDEN please contact Jennifer Watts or Ed Hancock.

For any other additional questions about the Sections 303(d)/305(b) assessment process, please contact Jennifer Watts at 530-542-5491 (Jennifer.Watts@waterboards.ca.gov) or Ed Hancock at 530-542-5574 (Ed.Hancock@waterboards.ca.gov).