

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 22, 2016

To All Active Permittees – Lake Tahoe Construction General Permit, Board Order No. R6T-2011-0019: Expiring General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity in the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit, Counties of Alpine, El Dorado, and Placer

This letter is to notify you that the above-cited Lake Tahoe Construction General Permit (Tahoe CGP), Board Order No. R6T-2011-0019 (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/storm_water/docs/tahoe_cgp.pdf) will expire on **December 31, 2016**, and will be replaced by an updated Tahoe CGP effective on **January 1, 2017**. In March 2016, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board) adopted Board Order No. R6T-2016-0010 (link at [Tahoe CGP](#)), which replaces the current Tahoe CGP. Permittees under Board Order No. R6T-2011-0019 have two options prior to January 1, 2017: 1) request approval for permit termination under Board Order No. R6T-2011-0019 because your project meets the termination requirements of that Order; or 2) recertify your intent to comply with general requirements in the reissued Tahoe CGP as application for continued coverage under Board Order No. R6T-2016-0010.

Either option must be completed through the State Water Board's Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS). A link to SMARTS may be found on the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/.

Lahontan Water Board staff recommends to act before December 20, 2016 to allow time to process your recertification and prevent lapses in coverage (e.g., if your request for coverage termination is denied).

Discharges of construction-related pollutants in storm water are prohibited in the absence of a Water Board permit. Failure to terminate your existing permit or recertify your project for coverage under the updated Tahoe CGP before the current Tahoe CGP expires would be in violation of the California Water Code and could subject you to significant civil liability or other enforcement actions.

Enclosed is a summary of the key changes to the Tahoe CGP (Enclosure 1) and SMARTS recertification guidance from the State Water Board (Enclosure 2). To recertify project coverage under the updated Tahoe CGP, the permittee must prepare and upload a QSP Management Plan, which is described in sections VII.B.5. and IX.C.2. of

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Board Order No. R6T-2016-0010. Additionally, the project Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan must be amended and uploaded to SMARTS to account for the changes summarized in Enclosure 1.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the State Water Board's Storm Water Help desk (see Enclosure 2) or me at (530) 542-5430 (alan.miller@waterboards.ca.gov).

for 

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Enclosures: 1) Summary of Key Changes
2) SMARTS Recertification Guidance

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Enclosure 1

Summary of Key Changes Construction General Permit for Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit

1. Attachment C.IV.C.1.a. - Eliminated the over winter requirement to sample two rain events. Visual inspections are still required as specified in the General Permit.
2. Attachment C, Section I.H. - Eliminated the requirement to collect samples outside of active working/business hours (e.g., holidays, weekends). The requirement to visually inspect during daylight hours on any day is still included.
3. General Permit Section III. and Attachment F - Basin Plan prohibitions and exemptions have been updated. New prohibitions and exemption criteria, including new exempted low threat discharges, were adopted as amendments to the Basin Plan in 2014.
4. General Permit Sections VII.B.5. and IX.C.2. - Added language to require a written Qualified Storm Water Practitioner (QSP) management plan to promote better onsite management by the QSP. There have been problems with QSPs not actively managing SWPPP activities due to lack of attendance at the site or lack of appropriate communication with on-site personnel.
5. General Permit Sections VII.B.5. and IX.C.2. - Strengthened language to require documentation of weekly training of site personnel. Training documentation is necessary to ascertain whether the QSP is providing appropriate storm water training to ensure all personnel operate consistent with the SWPPP.

Enclosure 2
Lake Tahoe Construction General Permit Recertification Guidance

Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS)

Storm Water Help Desk: E-mail: Stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov

Phone Number: 866-563-3107

Lake Tahoe CGP Recertification Process

1) LRP logs in.

SMARTS LOGIN

User ID:

Password:

Login

Forgot User ID or Password?
[Click here](#)

2) Click on Recertification in main menu.

Select Program to Access

- [Construction General Permit](#)
- [Industrial General Permit](#)
- [Municipal Phase I Permit](#)
- [Municipal Phase II Permit](#)
- [Caltrans MS4 Permit](#)
- [Documents Ready for Certification](#)
- [Reports](#)
- [Manage Linked Users](#)
- [Outstanding Invoices](#)
- [Replace LRP](#)
- [Recertification](#)
- [Update User Profile](#)
- [Public Search Menu](#)

3) Click on Construction.

If this account does not belong to you

Recertification Menu

Select the appropriate Storm Water Program to recertify the application.

[Industrial](#)

[Construction](#)

[Municipal \(coming soon\)](#)

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4) Click on the Application ID to recertify.

If this account does not belong to you, please log out.

Recertification Menu

Click on the WVID link to open the application for recertification. Only application(s) that still need to be recertified will show.

App. ID	WVID	Status	Operator Name	Operator Address	Facility Name	Facility Address	Due Date
473093	6A09LT000070	Active	Lake Tahoe Community College	One College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	LTCC Soccer Field Renovation	1 College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	1/1/2017
474504	6A09LT000070	Active	Lake Tahoe Community College	One College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	Parking Lot	One College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	1/1/2017

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5) Upload the required attachment. Click Upload Attachment and select QSP Management Plan as the attachment file type.

South Lake Tahoe Construction Recertification

Data Entry Persons cannot recertify this document.

Please review your South Lake Tahoe Construction Permit details below. If you are the Legally Responsible Person for this permit, please continue to certify.

Attachments for: WVID: 6A31LT000066
Tahoe Lake Elementary School
375 Grove St
Tahoe City, CA, 96145

Please click on Upload Attachment button to upload a QSP Management Plan. [Upload Attachment](#) [Refresh](#)

The following are your currently uploaded QSP Management Plans. Click on the link to view them.

Attachment ID	File Type	File Title	File Description
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SMARTS File Upload

WVID: 6A31LT000066 Owner: Lake Tahoe Community College
One College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Please provide the following details to upload the corresponding files.

Attachment File Type	Attachment Title	File Description	Parts	Document Date	File Name
QSP Management Plan			Part 1 of 1		Browse...
[SELECT]			Part 1 of 1		Browse...

[Upload File](#)

6) Check the three certification statement boxes.

- I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under the direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.
- I am also aware that my user ID and password constitute my electronic signature and any information I indicate I am electronically certifying contains my signature. I understand that my electronic signature is the legal equivalent of my handwritten signature. My signature on this form certifies that my electronic signature is for my own use, that I will keep it confidential, and that I will not delegate or share it with any other person. Should I wish to delegate such authority, I will do so formally in writing and electronically notify the State Water Board using SMARTS2 of such delegation within 10 days of the delegation. I further certify that I will protect my electronic signature from unauthorized use, and that I will contact the State Water Board, within two business days of discovery, if I suspect that my electronic signature has been lost, stolen, or otherwise compromised.
- I understand this process is to recertify the above construction site under the General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity in the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit, Counties of Alpine, El Dorado, and Placer, Order No. R6T-2016-0010 effective January 1, 2017.

7) Enter the Security Question answer & Password.

Please enter your password and answer to the security question before recertifying the document.

What is your mother's maiden name?

Please enter your password:

8) Click Recertify to complete the process.

9) The discharger or RWQCB staff can verify if the Recertification was complete by going to the NOI attachment tab. A "Recertification COR zip" file is created to document the submittal. The NOI Certified date will also be updated to the date the recertification occurred.

WDID: 6A09LT000070 Owner/Operator: Lake Tahoe Community College Certified Date: 09/28/2016
Application ID: 473083 One College Drive South Lake Tahoe CA 96150 Processed Date: 05/31/2016
Status: Active Site/Facility: LTCC Soccer Field Renovation NOT Effective Date:
Previous ID: - 1 College Drive South Lake Tahoe CA 96150 Permit Type: Region 6 S. Lake Tahoe Permit - NOI

[Owner Info](#) [Developer Info](#) [Site Info](#) [Addtl Site Info](#) [Billing Info](#) [Attachments](#) [Certification](#) [Requirements](#) [Reports](#) [Inspections](#) [Violations](#) [Enforcement Actions](#)

[Admin Changes](#) [Tasks](#) [Print](#) [Notes](#) [Status History](#) [Linked Users](#) [NOTs](#) [COIs](#)

Please click on "Upload Attachment" button to upload the corresponding files. [Upload Attachment](#)

Attached files: The following are the current documents related to the NOI. Click on the Attachment ID to view them.

Attachment ID	Attachment For	File Type	File Title	File Description	Part No	Date Attached	Upload By	Confidential
1647899	NOI	SWPPP	SWPPP	SWPPP	1/1	05/20/2016	dischargers	No
1649300	NOI	COR zip	COR zip		/	05/25/2016		No
1764503	NOI	Recertification COR zip	2016 Recertification COR zip		/	09/28/2016		No
1764502	NOI	QSP Management Plan	lea		1/1	09/28/2016	dischargers	No