
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR THREE NEW BENEFICIAL USES - TRIBAL TRADITION AND CULTURE (CUL), TRIBAL SUBSISTENCE FISHING (T- SUB), AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING (SUB)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Lahontan Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) that would add definitions for three new beneficial uses - Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Lahontan Water Board on September 16, 2020 (Resolution No. R6T-2020-0057), and is available for review at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#fully

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting lead staff Cindy Wise at cindy.wise@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5408 or Daniel Sussman at daniel.sussman@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542- 5466.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE WATER BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving this Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to the State Water Board's [email subscription service](#) located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

On this webpage under the "General Interests" category check the box for the "Board Meetings", provide your email address and name, then click on the "subscribe" button. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the Lahontan Water Board lead staff contact identified below.

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SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in this Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on May 14, 2021**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or postal mail or hand delivery to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—Tribal BU Definitions Lahontan**".


If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS. Comments submitted to the State Water Board must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Lahontan Water Board.
2. If the Lahontan Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Lahontan Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Lahontan Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Lahontan Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to lead staff Cindy Wise at cindy.wise@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5408, Daniel Sussman at daniel.sussman@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542- 5466 or Elizabeth Beryt, Staff Counsel, at elizabeth.beryt@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 327-7507.

April 9, 2021
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board