

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 95-3

APPROVAL OF A REVISED
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) for the North Lahontan Basin and the South Lahontan Basin were adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan RWQCB) and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 1975. Subsequently, numerous specific amendments to the Basin Plans have been adopted by the Lahontan RWQCB and approved by the SWRCB.
2. The SWRCB adopted amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin in 1989 (State Tahoe Plan).
3. Section 303(c) of the Federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, if appropriate, at least every three years, and Section 13240 of the California Water Code provides that Basin Plans be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
4. On September 9, 1993, the Lahontan RWQCB adopted Resolution No. 6-93-98 (Attachment 1), revising the Basin Plan. The revised Basin Plan combines the Basin Plans for the North and South Lahontan Basins, and the State Tahoe Plan; and updates beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and implementation provisions.
5. On October 14, 1994, the Lahontan RWQCB adopted Resolution No. 6-94-107 (Attachment 2) further amending the Basin Plan by completing revisions to Table 2-1 "Beneficial Uses of Surface Waters of the Lahontan Region", modifying the prohibition and prohibition exceptions language, and completing editorial changes.
6. The Lahontan RWQCB prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.).
7. The SWRCB will work with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to ensure that threatened or endangered species are protected, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2055.
8. The Regional Water Board Resolution No. 6-93-98 and Resolution No. 6-94-107 were adopted in accordance with State laws and regulations.
9. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until regulatory provisions are approved by the