

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

**MINUTES**  
**November 15-16, 2017**

**Regular Meeting**

Lahontan Water Board Annex, Hearing Room  
971 Silver Dollar Avenue  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
15095 Amargosa Road, Bldg. 2, Suite 210  
Large Conference Room  
Victorville, CA 92394

**Board Members Participating – SLT**

Don Jardine, Markleeville, Vice-Chair  
Amy Horne, Ph.D.  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

**Board Members Participating – Victorville**

Kimberly Cox, Helendale  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond

**Board Members Absent**

Peter Pumphrey, Chair

**State Board Members Participating**

Dorene D'Adamo, Board Member

**Legal Counsel**

Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

**Regional Board Staff Participating**

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Doug Smith, Career Executive Assignment  
Patrice Copeland, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Jeff Brooks, Senior Engineering Geologist  
Eric Taxer, Senior WRC Engineer  
Bob Larsen, Senior Env. Scientist Spec.  
Mary Fiore-Wagner, Sr. Env. Scientist Spec.  
Anne Holden, Engineering Geologist  
Carly Nilson, Environmental Scientist  
Dr. Jennifer Watts, Environmental Scientist

Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Scott Ferguson, Sup. WRC Engineer  
Cathe Pool, Sr. WRC Engineer  
Doug Cushman, Senior WRC Engineer  
Doug Carey, Sr. Engineering Geo. Spec.  
Dan Sussman, Sr. Env. Scientist Sup.  
Jan Zimmerman, Sr. Engineering Geo. Spec.  
Bill Muir, Sr. Engineering Geo. Spec.  
Kelly Huck, Environmental Scientist  
Laurie Scribe, Environmental Scientist

PETER C. PUMPHREY, CHAIR | PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Taylor Zentner, Engineering Geologist  
Mark Minsky, Staff Services Analyst  
TJ Middlemis-Clark, WRC Engineer  
Ed Hancock, Environmental Scientist

Darin Witt, WRC Engineer  
Hannah Schembri, WRC Engineer  
Dr. Bruce Warden, Environmental Scientist  
Kathy Otermat, Exec. Asst. /Clerk of the Board

Michelle Avila, Office Technician

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**REGULAR MEETING: November 15, 2017- 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Vice-Chair Jardine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 15, 2017 and introduced Board Members. Ms. Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced State Water Board Member, Legal Counsel and Water Board Staff. Note: Board Chair Peter Pumphrey was absent.

**1. Public Forum**

- Jason Vasquez, representing the California Tahoe Conservancy on the Interagency Core Team of Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership gave a presentation, which provided an overview of the Partnership's goals, approach, key issues and next steps.

**2. Minutes**

**Motion:** Moved by Member Sandel, seconded by Member Cox, to approve the July 2017 Minutes as presented. Member Dr. Horne abstained. Vice-Chair Jardine called for a verbal vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Click here to view adopted [July 2017 Meeting Minutes](#).

**3. Workshop - Establishing Instream Flow Requirements to Protect Water Quality and Beneficial Uses.**

- Ms. Anne Holden, Engineering Geologist, gave a staff presentation consisting of an overview of the workshop, introduced subsequent speakers and provided a history of the Squaw Creek TMDL.
- Mr. Mike Geary, representing Squaw Valley Public Services District (PSD), gave a presentation covering the PSD, Aquifer, Squaw Creek, Groundwater Pumping and Olympic Valley Aquifer Interaction Study.

*Note: The Water Board took a break from 9:37pm – 9:50pm*

- Mr. Dan Worth and Mr. Dan Schultz from the Division of Water Rights presented on establishing instream flow requirements to protect water quality and beneficial uses.

*Note: The Water Board took a break from 11:49pm – 11:55pm*

- Mr. Bryan McFadin, Sr. WRCE from the North Coast Water Board, presented on regional efforts to address water quantity impacts on water quality.

**Public Comment:**

- Mr. Eric Paulsen, representing himself, commented on the Squaw Valley PSD study.

#### 4. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members

Dorene (DeeDee) D'Adamo, State Water Resource Control Board member, provided an update on activity in the State legislature including SB 623: Safe Drinking Water Act and the Cannabis Cultivation Policy and General Order. This Item was continued on November 16, 2017.

5. **Executive Officer's Report**– This item was moved to November 16, 2017.

#### 6. Closed Session

None.

**Adjournment at 12:31 a.m.**

### **REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, November 16, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.**

#### Call to Order and Introductions

Vice-Chair Jardine called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on November 16, 2017, and introduced Board Members. Ms. Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced State Water Board Member, Legal Counsel and Water Board Staff. Note: Board Chair Peter Pumphrey was absent.

#### 7. Public Forum

None.

#### 8. **Lahontan Water Board Supplemental Environmental Program Pilot Project Update - Focus on the Middle Martis Creek Watershed Restoration Project.**

Eric Taxer, Senior WRCE, presented a status report of the Lahontan Water Board's Supplemental Environmental Program Pilot Project. The Truckee River Watershed Council also provided a focused report on the Middle Martis Creek Watershed Restoration Project.

#### 9. **Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Environmental Project Program Memorandum of Understanding with the Truckee River Watershed Council.**

Mr. Eric Taxer, Senior WRCE, presented on adopting a Resolution that establishes a partnership between the Water Board and Truckee River Watershed Council for purposes of identifying, developing, and implementing Supplemental Environment Projects consistent with expressed Water Board priorities

**Motion:** Moved by Member Sandel seconded by Member Dyas to adopt a resolution authorizing a supplemental environmental project program memorandum of understanding with the Truckee River Watershed Council. The motion ***carried*** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox     aye  
Dr. Horne   aye  
Mr. Dyas    aye  
Mr. Sandel  aye  
Mr. Jardine  aye

*Note: The Water Board took a break from 9:52am to 10:06am*

#### **10. Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Environmental Project Program Memorandum of Understanding with the Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Group.**

Mr. Eric Taxer, Senior WRCE, presented on adopting a Resolution that establishes a partnership between the Water Board and Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Group for purposes of identifying, developing, and implementing Supplemental Environmental Projects consistent with expressed Water Board Priorities

**Motion:** Moved by Member Dr. Horne seconded by Member Cox to adopt a resolution authorizing a supplemental environmental project program memorandum of understanding with the Truckee River Watershed Council. Vice-Chair Jardine recused himself from the vote and Member Sandel called for the vote.

The motion *carried* per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Mr. Sandel	aye
Mr. Jardine	recused from vote

#### **11. Lake Tahoe Nearshore Program Update.**

Mr. Bob Larsen, Senior Environmental Scientist, presented on the Lake Tahoe Nearshore Program Status Report and described recently completed work to guide nearshore monitoring funding decisions.

##### **Board Comments:**

- Member Dr. Horne commented that the text on Slide 12 was too small to read. Mr. Larsen said he would get larger copy to the Board.

#### **12. Update on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy.**

Ms. Mary Fiore-Wagner, Senior Environmental Scientist, summarized the feedback received from the public outreach workshops, held on September 28, October 5, and October 11 and discussed possible next steps toward development of the Water Board's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

##### **Board Comments:**

- Member Dr. Horne gave kudos to staff for making sense out of all the feedback.
- Member Sandel was pleased to see continuing reduction of data into a more compact set.
- Member Cox stated a watershed based permit with nutrients is perfectly valid for southern region.

#### **4. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members.**

- Member Dr. Horne recently attended a Sierra to California Land Area (SCALE) meeting. They are working on reducing the scale of forest management in California. Member Dr. Horne also provide the Board with copies of the climate change presentations from the recent Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting.

*Note: The Water Board took a break from 9:52am – 10:06am*

### 5. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the August, September, October and November Executive Officer reports including updates on:

- Tecopa Hot Springs – 5-108, a facility struggling with water quality problems
- Bridgeport Waiver – The first deadline came up on September 1, zero compliance. The good news is there has been dialog. Ms. Kouyoumdjian has asked for a letter with proposed dates, clear communication plan and for second letter on method and milestones. Received first letter asking for an extension to early December.
- Staffing changes including active hiring and promotions. Ms. Kouyoumdjian also presented the Leviathan Mine Unit with Superior Accomplishment Award. The unit consists of Doug Carey, Chris Stetler, Taylor Zettner, Hannah Schembri, Darrin Witt and Mark Minsky
- The 2018 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule.
- The 2018 Proposed Standing Items Report.

#### Board Comments:

- Member Dr. Horne requests verbal EO reports on each of the standing items be presented at Board meetings and requests to be kept updated on sanitation districts under other agencies like Truckee Donner PUD.
- Member Cox asked if the interim Report on Hinkley, Bates 5-15, would be presented at the January meeting and if not, requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Kouyoumdjian stated a more robust update would be presented to the Board at the April meeting in Barstow.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11.47 a.m. on November 16, 2017.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kathy Otermat*  
Kathy Otermat, Executive Assistant

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

*1/10/18*

