



Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES

November 5, 2025

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)
conducted this meeting at the location shown below:

Comfort Suites,
2571 Fisher Blvd,
Barstow, CA 92311

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Water Board Members

Kimberly Cox, Ph.D., Helendale
Rick Dever, Crestline
Robert Pearce, Ph.D., Chalfant

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Jeff Loux, Ph.D., Truckee

State Water Board

Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel Nichole Morgan, Lahontan Board Liaison

Water Board Staff

Ben Letton, Executive Officer	Jan Zimmerman, Assistant Executive Officer
Timothy Middlemis-Clark, Supv. WRC Engineer	Christina Guerra, Sr. Eng. Geologist
Alonzo Poach, Sr. Eng. Geologist	Michael Perez, Sr. WRC Engineer
Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist	Mark Allen, Engineering Geologist
Andrew Robinson, Engineering Geologist	Shelby Barker, Sr. Engineering Geologist
Ariel Lafarga, Board Clerk	Jasmine Enerson, Asst. Board Clerk
Luis Gomez, Engineering Geologist	

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REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

ROBERT PEARCE, ACTING CHAIR | BEN LETTON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Water Board Member Dr. Jeff Loux, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Loux introduced the Water Board Members, and the Water Board staff, and discussed procedures for in-person and video and teleconference meetings.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

No public speakers.

2. MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Amy Horne, seconded by Member Rick Dever, to approve August 28, 2025, meeting Minutes as presented. Board Member Dr. Loux called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Abstain
Member Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

[View the adopted August 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

3. REPORTS BY WATER BOARD CHAIR AND WATER BOARD MEMBERS

Water Board staff, Nichole Morgan, State Board Liaison, discussed the following items: Public Workshop on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement Proposal, Delta Conveyance Project, Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plane for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, New and Revised Drinking Water Notification and Response Levels for PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, and PFHxA, Stormwater Capture and Use Workshop, and Tulare Lake Groundwater Subbasin: SGMA State Intervention Work Resumes.

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Dr. Horne asked if Department of Water Resources (DWR) has any plans to reopen the designation of the risk levels for groundwater basins. Nichole Morgan responded that DWR revisits basin designations on a regular cycle to determine if any updates need to occur.

4. *CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES WITH WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

This item was removed from consent calendar. The Water Board staff, Christina Guerra, Senior Engineering Geologist (Supv.), recommended changes to remove R6V-2002-0007 for the Calaveras Cement Company Plant from this Order. The change to Item 4 is necessary because it is not clear who the current owner and operator of the facility is.

Ms. Guerra suggested the following changes: Staff suggest a change to Finding 2. The finding currently reads, "The ten facilities and their respective Board Orders are listed in Attachment A of this Order." It would change to, "The nine facilities and their respective Board Orders are listed in Attachment A of this Order." Staff suggest a

change to Attachment A, Page 2 of 2. The fourth row of the table, that starts with the cell R6V-2002-0007 and ends with the cell Tehachapi Cement LLC, be removed.

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Horne, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Cox, to adopt the order as amended. Dr. Loux called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speakers.

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

No comments by Water Board.

5. *CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BENTON CROSSING CLASS III LANDFILL AND SLUDGE LANDFARM, MONO COUNTY

The Water Board considered consent calendar item to adopt Post-Closure Waste Discharge Requirements for Benton Crossing Class III Landfill and Sludge Landfarm in Mono County.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Cox, seconded by Dr. Horne, to adopt consent calendar item. Dr. Loux called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

6. MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE (MCLB), BARSTOW ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Water Board staff, Mark Allen, Engineering Geologist, provided an overview of the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) at MCLB, Barstow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speakers.

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board Member, Dr. Cox asked if there were any potable wells near the two PFAS hotspots. Mr. Allen responded there is a well-used to water the golf course, but it is not potable.

Water Board Member, Dr. Horne asked once groundwater contamination, soil contamination and soil vapor is identified in a site like this how long does it takes to get cleaned up and to that standard. Mr. Allen responded that MCLB Barstow is an easier site due to alluvium which is an easier subsurface to work in, but it has still taken thirty years to get to where we are now with the site.

Water Board Member, Dr. Loux asked if the plume both location and extent shape is based on groundwater modeling. Mr. Allen responded that the shape is based off the subsurface and the groundwater direction. Dr. Loux also asked how many monitoring wells are at this site. Mr. Allen responded there are about one hundred monitoring wells.

7. MOJAVE RIVER PYROTECHNICS BARSTOW PERCHLORATE UPDATE

Water Board staff, Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist, provided an update on the Mojave River Pyrotechnics Barstow Perchlorate project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Byrne.

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board Member, Dr. Horne asked who owns the land downgraded from Soap Mine Road and if further residential development occur in that area. Molina Hauv said it is her understanding the land is privately owned. Dr. Horne also asked if land use controls or whether a notification of a plume would be something we could do. Ms. Hauv replied she will investigate.

Water Board Member, Rick Dever asked if the eighteen homes that are above six parts per billion can be serviced by Golden State Water Company. Ms. Hauv responded there might be a possibility for Golden State Water Company to provide service in that area.

Water Board Member, Dr. Cox asked if whole house treatment systems would work. Molina responded that there are no certified systems that are designed to treat perchlorate. Dr. Cox also asked if focused groundwater recharge would help remediating or diluting the plume. Ms. Hauv responded there is potential.

Water Board Member, Dr. Loux asked only four out of the eighteen homes receiving bottled water, why is that. Ms. Hauv responded there are certain disadvantaged community guidelines that are required to be met for the grant. Dr. Loux also asked what the ballpark annual budget is for bottled water. Ms. Hauv responded estimate is thirty thousand over multiple years within the contract.

WATER BOARD TOOK A BREAK FROM 10:24 AM TO 10:35 AM

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Water Board staff, Ben Letton, Executive Officer, provided an update to the Water Board and public on key actions and activities in the Lahontan region, including the items below.

- a. October All Staff

- b. Personnel Report
- c. July, August, and September EO Report Articles
- d. August EO Standing Article

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speakers.

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board Member, Dr. Horne asked what happens to the sewage that is being treated at the Chambers Landing plant. Supervising WRC Engineer, Timothy Middlemis-Clark responded that the facility is a water treatment plant for water supply. Dr. Horne requested a change to the fourth policy in the Climate Change Annual Report to read protection of headwater forests and promoting watershed resiliency.

9. 2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Water Board considered approving the Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Schedule.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Cox, seconded by Member Dever, to approve the Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Member Dr. Loux called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

10. BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR SELECTION PROCESS

The Water Board discussed possible selection processes for the election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair at the first meeting of the board in 2026.

Water Board Member, Dr. Horne announced she will be resigning from the Lahontan Water Board.

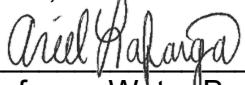
Water Board Member, Dr. Cox announced she will not be seeking re-appointment. Her term will end September 2026.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Water Board members did not enter Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. on November 5, 2025.

Prepared by:  Adopted: February 11, 2026
Ariel Lafarga, Water Board Clerk