Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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MEETING AGENDA

The Lahontan Regional Water Board (Water Board) is conducting this meeting from the location shown below:

Water Board Member Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
Inyo National Forest, Supervisor's Office
Main Conference Room
351 Pacu Lane Suite 200
Bishop, CA 93514

No Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with a physical meeting location. All Board Members will be physically present at the noticed meeting locations mentioned above, consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

General Meeting Information:

The following items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order. The meeting will not be called to order prior to the time specified. All Water Board files, exhibits, and agenda materials pertaining to items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record for the appropriate item.

WATER BOARD MEMBER MEETING:
Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Introductions

1. **Discussion with the Bishop Paiute Tribe** – Representatives from the Bishop Paiute Tribe will provide a brief overview of the Tribe's environmental stewardship in the Lahontan Region and discuss the water quality concerns and issues facing the Bishop Paiute Tribe.

2. **Water Board Priorities** – A quorum of the Lahontan Water Board will gather to discuss accomplishments and emerging priorities. The discussion will be general. No direction will be given or vote taken on the merits of how to proceed with any specific priority item.

3. Closed Session[1]

a. Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(B)(i).
b. Discussion to Decide Whether to Initiate Litigation. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(C)(i).
c. Discussion of Litigation. Lauren Helwig v. State of California, et al., Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 25-CV-025978. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
d. To deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon evidence introduced in a hearing. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).
e. Discussion of Personnel Matters. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).

Adjournment

GENERAL PROCEDURES

The Water Board will not be considering any items during this meeting which may result in Water Board action or direction to staff.

Sequence of Agenda Items

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Availability of Agenda Material

To view or download documents available on the public website, go to https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/. Documents not available on the public website may be requested by contacting RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Language Services

This hearing will be offered in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options at least ten (10) business days before the meeting, if possible:

- Submit an online request: Language Access Form
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

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Liên hệ chúng tôi để yêu cầu thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị.

[1] At any time during the regular session, the Water Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon the evidence introduced in the hearing. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (a), (c)(3) and (e).

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Meeting Procedures

The Water Board circulates item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures along with drafts of its Orders, Amendments, and other action items. If there is a conflict between an item-specific Notice or Hearing Procedure and the Meeting Procedures in this Agenda, the item-specific Notice or Hearing Procedure will control. Please contact Water Board staff if you do not know whether there is a Notice or Hearing Procedure for a specific item. The statutes and regulations that govern the Water Board's meetings are on the State Water Board's Laws and Regulations web page (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/).

To give everyone an opportunity to be heard, a time limit for oral comments may be imposed on any agenda item. Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes. People are encouraged to use time for oral comments to summarize their written submittals. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should request an extension at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at: RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov. Anyone wishing to present a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation during the meeting, must provide the presentation to Ariel Lafarga, Executive Assistant at least ten (10) working days prior to the meeting at: RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Written comments on an agenda item must be submitted on or before the due date listed in the item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures. Written materials that are received after deadlines set by item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures will not generally be admitted.

For items on the agenda that do not have an item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures with specific due dates, written comments must be submitted at least ten (10) days before the meeting to the Executive Assistant, Ariel Lafarga (RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov).

Material presented to the Water Board as part of the testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Water Board.

Ex Parte Requirements

An ex parte communication is communication to a Water Board member from any person, about a pending or impending matter, that occurs in the absence of other parties and without notice and opportunity for them to respond. The California Government Code prohibits the Water Board members from engaging in ex parte communications on permitting, enforcement, and other "quasi-adjudicatory" matters. Communication about a pending adjudicative matter, received during a public forum, or during the public meeting when the item is not noticed, may violate the ex parte prohibition. The public is encouraged to contact Water Board staff to determine whether a matter is a pending or impending adjudicatory matter. Ex parte communications are allowed on pending general orders (such as general waste discharge requirements, general waivers, and general Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certifications) subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Further information and disclosure forms are located on the Water Board's website.

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD MEMBERS

California Water Code section 13201 provides for the Governor to appoint seven members to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Each member shall reside or have a principal place of business within the region. Appointments are subject to confirmation by the state Senate.

Name	From	Term Expires
Rick Dever	Crestline	9/30/27
Robert Pearce, PhD., Vice Chair	Chalfant	9/30/27
Jeff Loux, PhD., Chair	Truckee	9/30/28
Edwin Alonzo	Victorville	9/30/29
Courtney Henderson, PhD.	Truckee	9/30/29

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD CONTACTS

Ben Letton, Executive Officer
Jan Zimmerman, Assistant Executive Officer
Elizabeth Beryt, Counsel to the Water Board
Ariel Lafarga, Board Clerk

To reach the Executive Officer, please contact the Executive Assistant, Ariel Lafarga, via email at RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov or call (760) 241-6583.

The primary responsibility of the Water Board is to protect the quality of the surface and groundwater within the Region for beneficial uses. The duty is carried out by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific groundwater or surface water bodies; by prescribing and enforcing requirements on domestic and industrial waste dischargers, and by requiring cleanup of water contamination and pollution. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Water Board are outlined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.