
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date Distributed: March 11, 2026

MEETING AGENDA

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

Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds
475 Sierra Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Video and Teleconference Option: The regular meeting will occur with a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location. A majority of the Board Members will be physically present at the noticed meeting locations mentioned above, consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at [CAL-SPAN](#).

For those who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Water Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/remote_meeting/.

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.

Comments on individual agenda items are welcome. If you are considering speaking or submitting written materials, please consult the meeting procedures at the end of the agenda.

Adoption of Uncontested Calendar:

Items denoted by (✖) are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be proposed for the uncontested calendar. The Water Board will act on these items at one time without discussion. If any Water Board member or person requests discussion, the item may be removed from the uncontested calendar to be considered separately. Requests to have an item removed from the uncontested calendar can be made in advance of the meeting by

emailing to the Board Clerk at RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov or by calling the Water Board's Executive Officer via his Executive Assistant, Ariel Lafarga at (760) 241-6583.

REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Introductions

1. **Public Forum** – Any person may address the Board regarding matters within the Water Board's jurisdiction that are not related to a specific agenda item or currently pending before the Water Board. Comments regarding pending or impending adjudicatory matters will not be allowed.
2. **Minutes** – The Water Board will consider adopting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2026.
3. **Reports by Water Board Chair and Water Board Members** – The Water Board members will provide updates to the Water Board and public on events and activities of interest.
4. **Amended Time Schedule Order for Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, Mono County** – The Water Board will consider adopting the proposed amended Time Schedule Order (TSO) for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW's) Hot Creek Fish Hatchery. (Trevor Miller).
5. **Executive Officer's Report** – The Executive Officer will provide an update to the Water Board and public on key actions and activities in the Lahontan region, including the items below. This is an informational item, and no formal action is requested, though Water Board members may give directions to staff. (Ben Letton).
 - a. Notification of Spills (Pursuant to Water Code section 13271, and Health and Safety Code section 25180.7)
6. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Other Items of Interest** – The Water Board members will provide requests for future agenda items and other items of interest.
7. **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).

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).

- 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 be considering many items during this meeting which may result in Water Board action or direction to staff. We encourage input from all people interested in a given item or issue, so that when we act, our decision is based on all available information. Although an oath is not administered in most of the proceedings before this Water Board, we expect all statements made before this Water Board to be truthful with no attempts to mislead this Water Board by false statements, deceptive presentation, or failure to include essential information.

Sequence of Agenda Items

The items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order.

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

Contact us to request information in your language.

Contáctenos para solicitar información en su idioma.

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

귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

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Accessibility

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Board Clerk, Ariel Lafarga, at least ten days prior to the meeting date at: (760) 241-6583 or RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov.

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.

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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.

Petition of Regional Water Board Action

Any person aggrieved by an action of the Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date the action was taken, except that if the thirtieth day following the date the action was taken falls on a Saturday, Sunday or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the [law and regulation applicable to filing petitions](#) may be found on the Water Board website or will be provided upon request.

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD MEMBERS

Name	From	Term Expires
Kimberly Cox, PhD.	Helendale	9/30/26
Rick Dever	Crestline	9/30/27
Robert Pearce, PhD., Vice Chair	Chalfant	9/30/27
Jeff Loux, PhD., Chair	Truckee	9/30/28

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 his 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.