



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**  
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**1. Personnel Report – Sandra Lopez**

**Promotion**

- Elijah Balderas, Environmental Scientist, Planning & Assessment Unit. This position will assess water quality data to help develop the 303(d) Impaired Waters List, work to restore impaired waters, and work on Basin Planning priorities. The position requires work based in science, policy, and public process.

**Vacancies**

- Environmental Scientist, Forestry/Dredge & Fill Unit. Responsibilities will include drafting permits, providing technical expertise, evaluating and assisting in the drafting of environmental documents, making policy recommendations, and performing sensitive assignments related to water quality issues and protection throughout the Lahontan Region. Evaluate and regulate the impacts of logging operations and other forest practices on the quality and beneficial uses of water. Prepare CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certifications and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for project compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Staff Services Analyst, South Lake Tahoe. This position will provide support to technical and administrative staff, ensure documents comply with accessibility standards, assist with process improvements, prepare agenda items and staff documents for distribution, and provide administrative support at regional board meetings held throughout the region.
- Water Resource Control Engineer, Forestry-Dredge & Fill Unit. This position will coordinate with the federal land management agencies and the California

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in reviewing timber harvest plans (THPs), Working Forest Management Plans (WFMPs), Non-industrial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs), utility corridor vegetation management plans, and timber harvest exemptions to evaluate the impact of logging operations and other forest practices on the quality and beneficial uses of water. Review projects that may affect waters of the US and state to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan). Prepare Clean Water Action Section 401 water quality certifications and/or waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for project compliance with all regulatory requirements. Due to budgetary constraints, this vacancy will not be posted at this time.

- Environmental Scientist, Cannabis Unit. This position provides regulatory oversight of cannabis cultivation projects under the statewide Cannabis General order. Due to budgetary constraints, this vacancy will not be posted at this time.
- Scientific Aid, Regulatory and Enforcement Unit. This position will be reviewing Self-Monitoring Reports submitted from facilities under permit. The reports will be associated with discharges to land, and surface water. The facilities vary from construction sites to wastewater treatment plants.
- Scientific Aid, Non-Point Source and Forestry/Dredge & Fill Units, South Lake Tahoe. This position will evaluate water quality data, assist with harmful algal bloom response, and assess compliance with water quality orders and permits associated with grazing, restoration, timber, and forestry activities.

## **2. Annual Hinkley Community Barbecue sponsored by the Independent Review Panel (IRP) Manager– *Amanda Lopez***

Lahontan Water Board staff, Amanda Lopez, Engineering Geologist, and Christina Guerra, Senior Engineering Geologist, attended the Annual Hinkley Community Barbecue on June 1, 2024, that was sponsored by Project Navigator, Independent Review Panel (IRP) Manager and held at the Hinkley Community and Senior Center. Raudel Sanchez, Anthony Vu, and Margaret DeAngelis of the IRP were in attendance, as well as approximately 100 community members. A group of community members barbecued, and the event included a bounce house and a raffle to win Walmart gift cards and first aid kits.

Water Board staff was present to take questions from the community as well as to distribute a flyer at the event notifying the community that the PG&E Hexavalent Chromium Background Value Evaluation was available on GeoTracker. It was important to let the community know that the report was available for their review as we continue to determine a cleanup level for hexavalent chromium.