



EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT
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1. Personnel Report – Sandra Lopez

Promotion

- Bryan Talmadge, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, as the Supervisor overseeing the Forestry/Dredge and Fill Unit (FDF). This position will manage a team of two Environmental Scientists, two Engineering Geologists, a Water Resource Control Engineer, and a Scientific Aid. The FDF is responsible for implementing the Forestry Activities Program and the Dredge and Fill Program throughout the Lahontan region.

Vacancies

- 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.
- 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.

- 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.

2. 1st Quarter of 2024 Violations and Other Enforcement Actions – *Shelby Barker*

There were 27 violations documented for the first quarter of 2024. Violations consisted of 1 basin plan prohibition, 1 cannabis-related order condition violation, 1 land disposal Board Order violation for discharge of windblown material and debris, 2 unauthorized discharges, 3 exceedances of effluent limit concentration, 5 deficient monitoring violations, 6 late reports, and 8 deficient reporting of required information. The unauthorized discharges were for plowed snow with entrained sediment placed directly into Wa She Shu Creek (formerly known as Squaw Creek) and a discharge of wastewater from a cannabis facility into a stormwater basin.

Enforcement actions beyond those listed in the attached table may be taken as needed to protect water quality and environmental health within the region.

In addition to quarterly violations, four proposed formal enforcement actions were posted to the [Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's Enforcement](#) website for public notice during the first quarter 2024 reporting period:

- 1) An updated hearing schedule notification was posted for the Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaint No. R6T-2023-0027 for David Park and Park Livestock Co for unpermitted activity in West Walker River that occurred first quarter 2019. This hearing has been scheduled for August 19, 2024.
- 2) In March 2024, a proposed settlement agreement for an ACL associated with the Coldstream Roundabout Construction Project (comment period ended April 5, 2024). The ACL is for third quarter 2021 through fourth quarter 2022 violations of the construction general permit.
- 3) In March 2024, proposed revisions to the Cleanup and Abatement Order for Big O Tires was posted to reflect changes made to address comments previously received. Since no substantial changes were made, the revision was not subject to an additional public comment period.

- 4) In March 2024, proposed revisions to the Cleanup and Abatement Order for Former Norma's Cleaners was posted to reflect changes made to address comments previously received. Since no substantial changes were made, the revision was not subject to an additional public comment period.