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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LAHONTAN REGION RESOLUTION NO. R6-2025-PROPOSED

2025 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board) finds that:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) took effect March 31, 1995, and has been amended from time to time since that date.
2. The Basin Plan contains the Lahontan Region's water quality standards, which consist of beneficial uses of waters in the Lahontan Region, water quality objectives, as well as an anti-degradation policy. The Basin Plan also contains a program of implementation, including but not limited to, control measures necessary to protect water quality for the beneficial uses.
3. Consistent with section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act, section 131.20 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and section 13240 of the California Water Code (Water Code), the Water Board has conducted its triennial review of the Basin Plan, including a review of all applicable water quality standards (Triennial Review).
4. The Water Board prepared a document entitled "Candidate Projects for the 2025 Lahontan Water Quality Control Plan Triennial Review," dated November 2024, describing potential Basin Plan projects.
5. The Water Board created an online survey to collect public input on the 2025 Triennial Review and candidate projects (December 6, 2024 through January 10, 2025) and received a single comment requesting the Water Board prioritize a project to designate Hot Creek as an Outstanding National Resource Water.
6. Water Board staff developed a draft 2025 Triennial Review staff report, April 3, 2025 (Staff Report), describing the 2025 Triennial Review process and the draft 2025 Triennial Review List of Prioritized Basin Planning Projects (Prioritized List) to be pursued over the next three fiscal years (2025/2026, 2026/2027, and 2027/2028). The Staff Report describes Basin Plan projects to protect and enhance water quality, the relative priority of these projects, the projects that can be undertaken with existing resources, and projects that cannot be undertaken with existing resources along with the resources needed to undertake and complete them.

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7. On April 3, 2025 the Water Board provided notice of a public hearing on the Triennial Review for July 9, 2025, and provided the public with an opportunity to provide written comments on the Triennial Review. The Water Board received written comment letters during the public comment period (April 3, 2025 through May 5, 2025). The Water Board considered and responded to those comment letters. Based on the comments, the Water Board made revisions to the Staff Report and Prioritized List.
8. The Water Board held a public hearing on July 9, 2025, and heard public comments on the 2025 Triennial Review, including the Prioritized List. Documents relevant to the hearing, including the Staff Report and Prioritized List, proposed Resolution, and Response to Comments document were made public 30 days prior to the hearing. The Water Board has carefully considered all public comments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Consistent with Water Code section 13240, Clean Water Act section 303(c), and 40 C.F.R. part 131.20, and after considering public comments, the Water Board hereby concludes the Triennial Review and adopts the 2025 Triennial Review List of Prioritized Basin Planning Projects;
2. The areas of the Basin Plan not identified as needing investigation and possible revision are hereby affirmed as adequate. However, the Water Board's Triennial Review actions do not preclude other revisions to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region that may become necessary before the next Triennial Review; and
3. The entire Basin Plan shall remain in effect until such time when appropriate and specific amendments are adopted by the Water Board and approved by the appropriate review authorities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ben Letton, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, held on July 9, 2025.

BEN LETTON
EXECUTIVE OFFICER