
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES OR PERSONS
FROM: PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT UNIT
LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
DATE: 9/30/2021
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF *RESCHEDULED* CEQA SCOPING MEETING FOR A
BASIN PLANNING PROJECT: *BACTERIA WATER QUALITY*
OBJECTIVES

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm PDT

The meeting will be conducted virtually, via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/91543087150>

Zoom Meeting ID: 915 4308 7150

Zoom Call in Number: +1 669 900 9128

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) staff will hold the *rescheduled* (from original date 9/8/2021) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public scoping meeting for the proposed Basin Plan Amendment to revise the bacteria water quality objectives in the Lahontan Region. The purpose of the scoping meeting is to provide a forum for the public to provide input on the scope and content of the environmental information included in the draft Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) prepared to support the amendment. Scoping is helpful to the Lahontan Water Board in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects to be analyzed in the SED. The meeting will consist of a presentation regarding the proposed changes to the Basin Plan, and an opportunity for meeting participants to provide oral comments about the proposed changes and content of the draft SED.

Project Description

The Water Board proposes to make changes to the fecal bacteria water quality objectives contained in Chapter 3 of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan). Proposed changes include removing the existing fecal coliform water quality objective (WQO), which is generally applicable to all surface waters in the region, from the Basin Plan, and insertion of the language for a Water Contact

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Recreation (REC-1) WQO adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in August 2018. The statewide REC-1 WQO already applies to Lahontan Region surface waters where the REC-1 use is designated.

Surface waters contaminated by fecal matter present a human health concern because pathogens and viruses, which can be harmful to human health, are shed with fecal matter and can be transmitted to people via contact with contaminated water. The presence of fecal matter in surface waters also contributes to environmental degradation.

Submission of Comments

The Lahontan Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the environmental information that should be included in the draft substitute environmental documentation. The scoping meeting will be conducted virtually, using online video and audio broadcast software. Agencies, organizations, and the public will be able to provide oral comments directly through the online meeting or by calling the telephone number listed above.

Written comments will be accepted until **Friday, October 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm PDT.**

Those comments can be submitted electronically to

LahontanBacteriaObjectives@waterboards.ca.gov or via mail to the address below:

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Attention: Ed Hancock

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Future notices regarding this project will be circulated via the [Basin Planning – Regionwide](#) email list. If you are not already a member of this list, please go to https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.html, enter your contact information and check “Basin Planning – Regionwide” to subscribe.

For further information about the *Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Project* contact the project lead, Ed Hancock, at Ed.Hancock@waterboards.ca.gov or 530.542.5574.

Accessibility and Interpretation Services

Individuals requiring special accommodations for the scoping meeting, including interpretation services, are requested to call (916) 322-4265 by Thursday, October 7, 2021. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.