



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING concerning Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region for Replacing the Pesticide Water Quality Objective with a Regionwide Waste Discharge Prohibition with Exemption Criteria

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) will hold two public hearings as part of the process for considering amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) which include removing the pesticide water quality objective and replacing it with a regionwide prohibition on pesticide discharges and criteria for providing exemptions to the prohibition. The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under California Water Code section 13240. The Basin Plan amendment is a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Water Board is the lead agency. The Water Board wishes to obtain public input on the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

In compliance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3720 et seq., the Water Board has prepared a draft Basin Plan amendment which includes a draft supplemental environmental documentation (SED), an environmental checklist, and the proposed Basin Plan language. The draft SED was prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5. These documents will be accessible at the Water Board offices in South Lake Tahoe and Victorville or on the web page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/index.shtml. The public review and comment period will close on May 13 at 5 p.m. and will start a minimum of 45 days prior.

To receive e-mail notices related to the proposed amendment, including comment period start date, **subscribe to the LYRIS listserve** with your name and e-mail address, and check the box for "Basin Planning – Regionwide" at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.shtml.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

When: April 13 and 14, 2011

Where: Lake Tahoe Community College Board Room
One College Drive, So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Time: To be determined

May 11 and 12, 2011

Cora Harper Fitness Center
841 Barstow Rd, Barstow, CA 92311
To Be Determined

Agenda announcements for these hearings will be available no later than March 25 and April 22, and can be accessed on the internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/

The Water Board anticipates considering adoption of the proposed amendment, and any changes to the proposed amendment, consistent with its general purpose, at a public meeting as early as July 2011, but no later than October 2011.

The locations of all the above-listed hearings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Amber Wike at awike@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5400 no later than 10 days before the scheduled public hearing if you are an individual who requires special accommodations. For more information on this project, or to submit comments, contact either Mary Wagner at mfwagner@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5425 or Daniel Sussman at dsussman@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5466. Comments can also be sent to: Lahontan Water Board, 2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd., So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

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