
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTON BASIN TO REMOVE THE REGIONWIDE BACTERIA WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND INSERT DISCUSSION OF THE STATEWIDE REC-1 BACTERIA PROVISIONS AND SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is seeking written public comments on the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Lahontan Water Board) final amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Basin (Basin Plan) to Remove the Regionwide Bacteria Water Quality Objectives and Insert Discussion of the statewide REC-1 Bacteria Provisions (Basin Plan Amendment) and the supporting final Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED).

BACKGROUND

The Lahontan Water Board adopted the Basin Plan amendment and approved the SED on June 28, 2023, by Resolution No. R6T-2023-0025. The Basin Plan amendment removed the narrative coliform objective and the numeric fecal bacteria water quality objectives in Chapter 3 and 5, and other associated revisions in Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Basin Plan. The proposed Basin Plan amendment (BPA) includes language discussing the already effective statewide bacteria water quality objectives for REC-1 and State Water Board's Bacteria Provisions.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A link to electronic copies of the Basin Plan amendment and SED are available on the Lahontan Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/bacteria_water_quality_objectives_amendment.html

Alternatively, a copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Basin Planning lead staff, Daniel Sussman, at (530) 542-5466 or daniel.sussman@waterboards.ca.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS

Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters must be received **by 12:00 noon on October 16, 2023**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Address comments to Courtney Tyler Clerk to the State Water Board. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Lahontan Bacteria Basin Plan Amendment”**.

Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Board Clerk via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in size, then the written comments may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery or mail to:

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814-0100 (hand delivery)
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)

Couriers delivering written comments must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Courtney Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779, subdivision (f), the State Water Board may refuse to accept any comment that does not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Regional Water Board.
2. If the Regional Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Regional Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Regional Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Regional Water Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Board will consider adopting a resolution to approve the Basin Plan amendment and SED.

The date, time, and location of the public meeting is:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 9:30 A.M.
Coastal Hearing Room
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
and via Video and Teleconference

Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option to participate from a remote location.

- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/

The agenda for the January 17, 2024 State Water Board meeting and instructions for participating in the Board Meeting, will be posted no less than ten days prior to the Board Meeting at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants at the public meeting. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time limited. For other presentation recommendations go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml .

If you require language interpretation or sign language services, please email a request to Daniel Sussman daniel.sussman@waterboards.ca.gov or call him at (530) 542-5466 at least 10 business days before the meeting date. Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS

Any change to the information noticed above will be provided via the State Water Board's Board Meeting email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices must subscribe to the list serve e-mail distribution list by accessing the following e-mail list subscription form:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

To subscribe, select "Board Meetings."

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board website:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5254 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Lahontan Water Board staff person, Daniel Sussman at (530) 542-5466 or daniel.sussman@waterboards.ca.gov; or staff counsel Elizabeth Beryt at (916) 327-7507 or elizabeth.beryt@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 13, 2023
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board