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## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

# MINUTES

## February 11, 2026

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)  
conducted this meeting at the location shown below:

Comfort Suites,  
2571 Fisher Blvd,  
Barstow, CA 92311

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

### Water Board Members

Kimberly Cox, Ph.D., Helendale  
Rick Dever, Crestline

Jeff Loux, Ph.D., Truckee  
Robert Pearce, Ph.D., Chalfant

### State Water Board

Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel

Nichole Morgan, Lahontan Board Liaison

### Water Board Staff

Ben Letton, Executive Officer  
Alonzo Poach, Supv. Eng. Geologist  
Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist  
Tiara Crucius, Engineering Geologist

Jan Zimmerman, Assistant Executive Officer  
Christina Guerra, Sr. Eng. Geologist  
Shelby Barker, Sr. Engineering Geologist  
Ariel Lafarga, Board Clerk

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**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Water Board Member Dr. Robert Pearce, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Dr. Pearce introduced the Water Board Members, and the Water Board staff, and discussed procedures for in-person and video and teleconference meetings.

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Loren Pitts

Brent Querfurth

## 2. MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Cox, seconded by Member Dr. Loux, to approve November 5, 2025, meeting Minutes as presented. Board Member Dr. Pearce called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

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## 3. REPORTS BY WATER BOARD CHAIR AND WATER BOARD MEMBERS

Water Board staff, Nichole Morgan, State Board Liaison, discussed the following items: State Board Annual Priorities, Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan, Consideration of adoption of California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list portion of the 2026 California Integrated Report, Municipal Stormwater Permit Cost Reporting, 2026 Vapor Intrusion Workshops, and Delta Conveyance Project.

### COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board Member, Dr. Loux asked about the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) process and what it means for the Lahontan region. Nichole responded that adding and subtracting of water bodies depends on the data received and the Lahontan region can ask USEPA to go out of cycle for a specific area.

## 4. REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOJAVE/ROSAMOND CLASS III LANDFILL, KERN COUNTY

Water Board staff, Tiara Crucius, Engineering Geologist, presented revised Waste Discharge Requirements for the continued operation of the facility, monitoring, and construction of the proposed Class III Landfill expansion, Phase 2A, 2B, and 2C.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speakers.

### COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board Member, Dr. Loux asked what the beneficial uses for the groundwater and surface water are. Elizabeth Beryt responded that the beneficial uses for groundwater are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial

service and freshwater replenishment. The beneficial uses for surface water of the Chafee Hydrologic area are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, groundwater recharge, water contact recreation, non-contact water recreation, commercial and sportfishing, warm freshwater habitat, cold water habitat and wildlife habitat.

Dr. Loux also asked why the landfill is expanding a mile North from the current location. Ms. Crucius responded that the Mojave Landfill will become a regional landfill therefore expansion will start a mile North and eventually expand down into the empty land.

Water Board Member, Dr. Cox asked what the size and acres of the expansion area is. Tiara responded that for Phase 2A, 2B and 2C the waste footprint is 40 acres to 82.9 acres but ultimately for Phase One and Phase Two it will increase from 27 acres to 253 acres.

Dr. Cox also asked if there was a requirement to collect methane gas. Ms. Crucius responded that requirement is under Cal Recycle.

Water Board Member, Rick Dever asked when Phase One will be completed and no longer in use to move onto Phase Two. Ms. Crucius responded that in 2028 they will start the post closure for Phase One.

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Loux, seconded by Member Rick Dever, to adopt the order as presented. Dr. Pearce called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

## 5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Water Board staff, Ben Letton, Executive Officer, provided an update to the Water Board and public on key actions and activities in the Lahontan region, including the items below.

- a. Keith Dyas's Resolution
- b. Superior Accomplishment Award – Brian Grey
- c. Personnel Report
- d. Third Quarter Violations
- e. October, November, and December EO Report Articles

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speakers.

### COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

## 6. BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION

The Water Board voted for Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Cox, seconded by Member Dever, to elect Dr. Loux as Chair and Dr. Pearce as Vice Chair. Member Dr. Pearce called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

The Water Board members did not enter Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. on February 11, 2026.

Prepared by:  Adopted: March 25, 2026  
Ariel Lafarga, Water Board Clerk