

**Beavers, Land Use Conflicts, and Management Forum**  
***Do You Have Potential Land Use Issues Associated with Beavers?***  
**April 19, 2013      Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm**  
**Lahontan Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room**  
**Annex Office – 971 Silver Dollar Avenue, South Lake Tahoe**

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) staff is hosting a forum to receive input from agencies, land managers, and interested parties regarding beavers, beaver habitat modifications, and beaver management in the greater Tahoe/Truckee area. Many people have an interest in beaver because of the critical role they play in natural ecosystems. Unfortunately, the habitat beaver create can often cause conflicts with our existing or planned land use. The Water Board regulates the discharge of waste to water; beaver management may result in such discharges. We are conducting this forum to provide a means for interested parties to voice their concerns, identify issues, and gain an understanding of applicable regulations pertaining to the management of beavers.

The Water Board encourages everyone that has interest in this topic to attend. Those with interest may include regulators, conservation agencies, land use planners, resource managers, naturalists, and wildlife enthusiasts.

An agenda is attached. Invited agency representatives and others are encouraged to briefly present information concerning their area of interest or jurisdiction, followed by opportunities for questions and group interactions. If you have questions regarding the Forum or need reasonable accommodation to attend at the Water Board's handicap-accessible meeting room please contact Dale Payne, Environmental Scientist, at (530) 542-5464.

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### **Agenda**

#### **1:30pm**

##### **Overview (Lahontan Water Board):**

- Beaver management in the Lake Tahoe Basin and greater Lake Tahoe area –
  - Introductions. What issues are of interest to participants?
  - How are issues addressed?
  - Who has authority?
  - What laws protect beaver, or allow beaver management? When? Where?

##### **Objectives:**

- Understanding relevant issues and information sharing regarding how to appropriately address these issues

#### **1:45pm**

##### **Relevant Agencies with Policies, Requirements, or Management Responsibilities:**

- California Department of Wildlife (habitat changes, wildlife protection permits)
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (water quality permits)
- Army Corps of Engineers (dredged or fill material permits)
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (land use planning permits)
- USDA Forest Service (natural resources planning)
- Local Agency (County rights-of way, drainage management)

#### **2:45pm**

##### **Private Property Issues, Public Input:**

- Beaver management for private property owners – How and where can you get assistance? What options are available to address your issues?

#### **3:00pm**

##### **Comments, Concerns, or Questions?**