

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES

March 1, 2023

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) conducted this meeting without a physical location due to inclement weather, road closures and hazards due to snow and rain. The meeting was held virtual only. The South Lake Tahoe and the Victorville office will not be available as a location for public observation and comment.

NO PHYSICAL LOCATION

Via Video and Teleconference (Gov. Code § 11133)

Water Board Members

Peter C. Pumphrey, Chair
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Keith Dyas, Rosamond

Kimberly Cox, Helendale
Essra Mostafavi, Bishop

State Water Board

Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel
Mehreen Siddiqui, Dept of Financial Assistance

Nichole Morgan, State Water Board Liaison
Elnaz Nasaei, Dept of Financial Assistance

Water Board Staff

Mike Plaziak, Executive Officer
Andrew Jensen, Environmental Program Mgr.
Jeff Brooks, Sr. Engineering Geologist
Mo Loden, Environmental Scientist
Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist
Brian Judge, Engineering Geologist
Sandra Lopez, AGPA

Ben Letton, Assistant Executive Officer
Patrice Copeland, Supervising EG
TJ Middlemis-Clark, Sup WRC Engineer
Mary Fiore-Wagner, Sr. Environmental Scientist
Ghasem Pour-Ghasemi, Senior WRCE
Melissa Thaw, Environmental Scientist
Katrina Fleshman, Executive Assistant

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REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, March 1, 2023, @ 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and discussed procedures for in-person and video and teleconference meeting. Chair Pumphrey introduced AGP Video and gave direction to the public that wish to speak. Chair Pumphrey introduced the Water Board Members, Water Board staff and State Water Board staff.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Kevin Brewer, President and Director of Bishop Mill Mine - 877887 Ltd.
Jeff Shellito, Tahoe Donner resident.

2. MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Member Cox, seconded by Member Dyas to approve the November 14, 2022, meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Pumphrey called for a roll call vote and the motion carried per the following votes:

Chair Pumphrey	Aye
Vice-Chair Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dyas	Aye
Member Mostafavi	Aye

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3. REPORTS BY WATER BOARD CHAIR AND WATER BOARD MEMBERS

State Board member, Nichole Morgan, gave water project updates to the Water Board. Including the Water Supply strategy. Ms. Morgan also provided future State Board workshop dates and topics for those workshops.

Water Board member, Dr. Amy Horne indicated using a password to get into the Water Board email will expire soon. Therefore, Dr. Horne requested Water Board staff and Water Board members, download the Microsoft authenticator App.

Water Board member, Dr. Kimberly Cox indicated Mojave Water Agency issued a letter of support to the Governor for Executive Order N3-23. This order allows the retention of more water during this time of year in the reservoirs. Ms. Cox feels for those in the South Lahontan region that participates in the water conservation, this is an important order. Other Board members are encouraged to review that order.

Water Board Chair, Peter Pumphrey, gave updates on the Board Chairs call. Mr. Pumphrey indicated he sent out information on the Racial Equity workshops to the other Board members.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Water Board staff, Michael R. Plaziak, 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. Personnel Report. Discussed current vacancies, and new employees.
- b. Monopine.
- c. City of Victorville SEP Amendment

5. RENEWAL OF GENERAL CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRAZING OPERATIONS IN THE EAST WALKER RIVER WATERSHED (BRIDGEPORT VALLEY AND TRIBUTARIES) OF THE LAHONTAN REGION.

Water Board staff, Mo Loden, Environmental Scientist, asked the Water Board to consider adopting a conditional waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for grazing operations in the East Walker River Watershed. Ms. Loden gave presentation and indicated the proposed waiver seeks to address livestock grazing-related water quality issues in the Bridgeport Valley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teresa Dunham, with Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP

QUESTIONS BY THE WATER BOARD

Member Dyas, indicates he is in support of this item.

Member Dr. Cox indicates Water Board staff has done a great job putting this item together.

Motion: Moved by Member Dyas, seconded by Member Dr. Horne to adopt a conditional waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for grazing operations in the East Walker River Watershed as presented. Chair Pumphrey called for a roll call vote and the motion carried per the following votes:

Chair Pumphrey	Aye
Vice-Chair Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dyas	Aye
Member Mostafavi	Aye

6. (x) CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESURGENCE SOLAR I, LLC AND RESURGENCE SOLAR II, LLC, SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEMS III THROUGH VII, THREE SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS, TWO LAND TREATMENT UNITS, AND POND NO. 5 LANDFILL

Water Board staff Jeff Brooks, Senior Engineering Geologist, asked the Water Board to consider adopting closure and post closure Waste Discharge Requirements to close surface impoundments, and land treatment units, including an engineered alternative, and begin the post closure maintenance period at the facility.

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Cox, seconded by Member Dr. Horne to adopt closure and post closure Waste Discharge Requirements to close surface impoundments, and land treatment units, including an engineered alternative, and begin the post closure maintenance period at the facility as presented. Chair Pumphrey called for a roll call vote and the motion carried per the following votes:

Chair Pumphrey	Aye
Vice-Chair Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dyas	Aye
Member Mostafavi	Aye

WATER BOARD TOOK A BREAK 10:25AM TO 10:40AM

7. SENATE BILL 1215 (SB 1215) UPDATE

Water Board staff, Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist, provided an introduction and update to the implementation of the SB1215 Program. The presentation included information about the program eligibility requirements, statewide policies, and future goals.

QUESTIONS BY THE WATER BOARD

Members of the Water Board asked clarifying questions regarding the implementation of the SB1215 program.

Water Board staff, Dania Jimmerson, Water Resource Control Engineer, with Region 5 joined the conversation to clarify the program and questions by the Water Board.

8. STATE WATER BOARD, DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DFA) UPDATE

State Water Board staff, Mehreen Siddiqui, Sr Water Resource Control Engineer, and Elnaz Nasaei, Water Resource Control Engineer, provided an overview of wastewater and water recycling funding opportunities available through the Division of Financial Assistance.

QUESTIONS BY THE WATER BOARD

Water Board member, Dr. Cox, asked for a copy of the DFA presentation to be sent to the Board members.

Water Board staff, Mr. Plaziak, Executive Officer, mentioned a lot of disadvantaged communities are in our region. Mr. Plaziak asked if there are any assistance for disadvantaged communities for long-term operations and maintenance cost. Any resources being considered for long-term help for these communities. State Water Board staff, Mehreen Siddiqui, Sr Water Resource Control Engineer, replied there are currently no resources for that at this time.

Water Board member Dr. Horne asked for Water Board staff to ask the State Board to compile a list of impediments for funding for small/disadvantaged communities. Water Board staff, Mr. Plaziak, Executive Officer, responded he will reach out to State Board and compile a list of impediments for funding for small, disadvantaged communities in the Region. Mr. Plaziak further indicated Water Board will include this in Lahontan's outreach.

Chair Pumphrey indicated, Inyo/Mono may have that information available, because they have extensive information on these projects. Mr. Pumphrey also indicated he will reach out to Inyo/Mono and see if he can get that information and forward to Water Board staff.

9. ANNUAL ELECTION OF WATER BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Water Board members elected Peter Pumphrey as Water Board Chairperson and Dr. Amy Horne as Vice-Chairperson for 2023.

Motion: Moved by Member Cox, seconded by Member Mostafavi to elect Pete Pumphrey as Water Board Chairperson and Dr. Amy Horne as Vice-Chairperson for 2023. Chair Pumphrey called for a roll call vote and the motion carried per the following votes:

Chair Pumphrey	Aye
Vice-Chair Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Aye
Member Dyas	Aye
Member Mostafavi	Aye

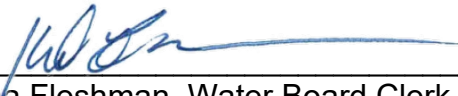
10. CLOSED SESSION

The Water Board did not enter a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on March 1, 2023.

Prepared by: _____


Katrina Fleshman, Water Board Clerk

Adopted: April 26, 2023