
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 11, 2022

******NOTIFICATION******

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

LAHONTAN REGION

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION

TO CLARIFY MOJAVE RIVER BENEFICIAL USES, UPDATE SITE CLEANUP, LAND DISPOSAL AND BISHOP UNDERGROUND TANK POLICY SECTIONS AND OTHER EDITORIAL REVISIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is proposing an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) to Clarify Mojave River Beneficial Uses, Update Site Cleanup, Land Disposal and Bishop Underground Tank Policy Sections and Other Editorial Revisions (Editorial BPA). The proposed Editorial BPA will make changes to Chapter 2, Present and Potential Beneficial Uses for the Mojave River Hydrologic Unit and make editorial revisions to update language in the preface, Chapters 1-4 and Chapter 6 of the Basin Plan. The Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses of surface and ground waters, establishes water quality standards for protecting the beneficial uses, and describes implementation programs for achieving water quality standards.

The Basin Plan revisions in the Editorial BPA are being proposed to improve the accuracy of the Basin Plan. The proposed revisions clarify the beneficial use designations for the Mojave River that were modified in the 2019 Beneficial Use Changes for the Mojave River Watershed and Other Minor Revisions Basin Plan Amendment. Other revisions are needed to correct errors, incorporate new policies adopted by the State Water Board or update program organization or procedures. The Editorial BPA involves actions that have already completed the required review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Consequently, no additional CEQA documentation, including preparation of substitute environmental documentation or completion of an Environmental Checklist, is needed for this basin planning action.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The Water Board welcomes public participation in its decision-making processes and encourages the public and others to submit comments on the draft staff report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment language.

PETER C. PUMPHREY, CHAIR | MICHAEL R. PLAZIAK, PG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft staff report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment language can be accessed at the web address shown below. Should you require a paper copy of the documents, please contact the staff listed at the end of this Notice with your request.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#other

All written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2022. Written comments can be emailed to Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments may also be mailed to:

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
Attention: Jennifer Watts

Please include “Comments-Editorial Basin Plan Amendment” in the subject line of your email or hardcopy submittals.

SUBSEQUENT STEPS

Water Board staff will review the written comments and prepare a final staff report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment language for the Water Board to consider at a future hearing. A 45-day notice will be provided prior to the adoption hearing.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the Water Board’s electronic mailing list regarding this proposed Mojave BPA or other Basin Planning actions can do so at the following webpage:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.html.

Check the box titled “Basin Planning – Mojave River” and “Basin Planning – Regionwide” and click “subscribe.”

All future information and notifications pertaining to this proposed BPA will be provided electronically through this subscription service, and to those interested parties who request notification via US mail.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know to be interested.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact:

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