

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION**

**RESOLUTION R6T-2015-0051**

**TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR  
THE LAHONTAN REGION (BASIN PLAN)**

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**WHEREAS**, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board), finds:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) took effect March 31, 1995 and has been amended since that date.
2. State and federal laws require periodic review and revision of Basin Plans.
3. The Water Board is responsible for reviewing water quality standards and implementation plans as appropriate and for modifying and adopting standards contained in the Basin Plan under provisions set forth in Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240, Division 7 of the California Water Code. The federal process is called "Triennial Review."
4. The Water Board and its staff implemented the 2015 Triennial Review by:
  - a. Sending letters to the Region's Basin Plan mailing list and the electronic mailing list for Triennial Review, with a list of potential planning issues for public comment.
  - b. Making the issues list and a staff report available to the public on request and posting these materials on the Water Board's Internet web page.
  - c. Noticing and conducting a public scoping meetings at its September 16 and 17, 2015 regular meeting in Barstow.
  - d. Responding to public comments received during the designated period.
  - e. Noticing and conducting a public hearing in Barstow on November 4, 2015, prior to Board consideration.
5. As a result of the Triennial Review process, the Water Board formulated the priority issues list shown in Attachment A. This attachment includes recommendations for both regional and statewide planning priorities and identifies priority topics that would require additional funding to be addressed before the next Triennial Review.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Water Board, in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240, Division 7 of the California Water Code, has done the following:
  - a. Concluded the 2015 Triennial Review of the Lahontan Basin Plan
  - b. Approved the priority list (Attachment A) for revision of the Lahontan Basin Plan
  - c. Concluded that all other planning issues identified by staff and the public during the 2015 Triennial Review process would require additional funding in order to be addressed before the next Triennial Review.
2. The Water Board's Triennial Review actions do not preclude other Basin Plan revisions that may become necessary before the next Triennial Review in 2018.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on November 4, 2015.

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PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment A: 2015 Triennial Review Priority List

**Attachment A -  
2015 Triennial Review Priority List  
Triennial Review of Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan  
Region**

Priority	Projects With Available Resources	PYs over 3 years	Cumulative PYs
1	Program Manager	0.3	0.3
2	2018 Triennial Review	0.2	0.5
3	Miscellaneous work that will not directly result in Basin Plan Amendments (e.g., regulatory assistance and corrections)	0.6	1.1
4	Bacteria Water Quality Objective revisions	1.0	2.1
5	Lake Tahoe Nearshore	0.5	2.6
6	Mojave River - add BIOL beneficial use to a reach Mojave River - remove COLD beneficial use from a reach Mojave River - SSOs for reach Mojave Basin - SSOs for select groundwater sub-basins	1.8	4.4
7	Squaw Valley groundwater withdrawal & in-stream flow	0.5	4.9
8	Evaluate appropriate statistical methods (e.g. replace Means of Monthly Means with annual averages, where appropriate, such as Truckee River and Pine Creek)	0.5	5.4
9	Riparian Protection Policy	0.6	6.0

Priority	Projects Needing Additional Resources	PYs over 3 years	Cumulative PYs
10	Hot Creek Water Quality Objectives	0.6	6.6
11	Survey of surface waters to identify those we might want to consider creating in-stream flow requirements for the purposes of protecting beneficial uses	0.1	6.7
12	Biological indicators	0.9	7.6
13	Region-wide approach to TDS Water Quality Objectives for surface waters	1.5	9.1
14	Susan River site specific objectives	2.0	11.1
15	Deposited/embedded sediment standard for Middle Truckee River	0.9	12.0
16	Remove two beneficial uses from Piute Ponds wetlands	0.5	12.5
17	Clarify Lahontan Water Board policy on package plants	0.1	12.6
18	Fish Springs site specific objectives	1.0	13.6
19	Biotic Ligand Model for copper	0.5	14.1
20	Revise PCPs water quality objectives	1.0	15.1
21	Eagle Lake "building moratorium" related to septic systems	0.5	15.6