

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

2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS FOR LIMITED SCOPE REVIEW
AND COMMENT**

**Issuance of Wendel Geothermal Power Plant, National Pollutant Discharge
Elimination System Permit And Waste Discharge Requirements**

Lassen County

August 18, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) will accept written comments on only the revisions to the tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Board Order No. R6T-2022-TENT (Order) for the Wendel Geothermal Power Plant (Facility) in Lassen County, which includes revisions to the SIP intake water credit findings, as set forth in section 4.3.4.2.1 of Attachment F- Fact Sheet, and revisions to Standard Provisions section 6.1.2.20. The revisions are available to review and comment at following Link or a copy may be sent upon request.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

On, March 4, 2022 the Water Board released a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Board Order No. R6T-2022-TENT for public comment. Subsequently, a hearing was held on the item on June 9, 2022 in Barstow, CA. The Water Board will accept written comments on only the revisions to the tentative NPDES Order. Written comments must clearly relate to the intake water credit findings and revisions to the NPDES Order. The Water Board will not accept into the record nor respond to comments that are beyond the scope of the proposed revisions. Updates to the draft tentative Order are identified by strike out and underline text, with additions to the Order underlined and deletions to the Order with ~~strike-out~~. Written comments must be received no later than **5:00pm on September 19, 2022**. Written comments may be submitted electronically, via email, with the subject "Comments on Tentative Wendel Geothermal Power Plant" to lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov, or submitted in hard copy to 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, to the attention of Trevor Miller.

Project Information

If adopted, the Order will allow pumped geothermal fluid to be discharged into Wendel Hot Springs, a water of the United States and tributary to Honey Lake. The Facility has been previously regulated under NPDES Orders since 1984. The Facility utilizes heat from the geothermal fluid to produce electrical power for the local utility and does not chemically alter the fluid prior to discharge.

Permit Applicant	Baseload Power Wendel, LLC
Name of Project	Wendel Geothermal Power Plant
Permittee/Facility Address	733-015 Antola Road, Wendel, CA 96136
Discharge Point	Wendel Hot Springs
Discharge Description	Spent Geothermal Fluids
Receiving Waters	Wendel Hot Springs and Honey Lake

Document Availability: The NPDES permit and corresponding information are available on:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Copies of any documents can also be obtained by contacting the Lahontan Water Board's office at (530) 542-5400 or visiting the office at 2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to Trevor Miller at the Lahontan Water Board Office, at (530) 542-5430 or Trevor.Miller@Waterboards.ca.gov.



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