

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

**MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4-5, 2015  
BARSTOW**

**ITEM: 3**

**SUBJECT: MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION: THE WATER BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING THE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF JULY 8-9, 2015  
HELD IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA AND SEPTEMBER 16-17,  
2015, HELD IN BARSTOW, CA.**

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

**MINUTES**  
**July 8-9, 2015**

**Regular Meeting**

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region  
South Lake Tahoe Office, Annex Hearing Room  
971 Silver Dollar Avenue  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Board Members Participating**

Kimberly Cox, Chair, Helendale  
Keith Dyas, Vice Chair, Rosamond  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Don Jardine, Markleeville  
Peter C. Pumphrey, Bishop  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

**Board Member Absent**

**Legal Counsel**

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

**State Board Staff**

Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Board Member  
Mayumi Okamoto, Office of Enforcement, State Water Resources Control Board  
Andrew DiLuccia, Office of Public Affairs, State Water Resources Control Board

**Regional Board Staff Participating**

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Mike Plaziak, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Doug Smith, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Scott Ferguson, Sup. WRCE  
Cathe Pool, Senior WRCE  
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE  
Doug Cushman, Senior WRCE  
Rich Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist

Eric Taxer, WRCE  
Tobi Tyler, WRCE  
Laurie Scribe, Environmental Scientist  
Dan Sussman, Environmental Scientist  
Robert Larsen, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Mary Fiore-Wagner, Environmental Scientist  
Carly Nilson, Environmental Scientist  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

### **TOUR: Truckee River Watershed Restoration Projects**

At 1:30 p.m. on July 8, approximately 45 people gathered at the U.S. Forest Service Office in Truckee, CA, for a tour of the Truckee River Watershed Restoration Projects. The group met in the Forest Service conference room for an overview before continuing by car to Coldstream Canyon and Perrazo Meadows. The Middle Martis Creek site tour was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.

### **REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, July 9, 2015- 8:30 a.m.**

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### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Kimberly Cox, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on July 9, 2015, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, State and Regional Water Board Staff.

### **1. PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

### **2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10-11, 2015, held in Bishop, CA.**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Mr. Pumphrey, to approve the June Minutes as presented with late corrections from Dr. Horne. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote and the motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	aye

Click here to view the adopted [June Minutes](#)

### **REPORTS**

### **3. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

State Board Member D'Adamo addressed the Board and briefed them on current items before the State Board including: Compost Policy, Los Angeles MS4 Permit, Industrial Stormwater Permit, Stormwater Strategic Plan, Grazing Regulatory Action Project efforts, Fracking, and Drought - Urban Conservation Regulation.

Mr. Pumphrey reminded the Board that the Sierra Water Summit will be held on August 10. Mr. Jardine stated that the Carson Conservancy will be participating in a tour of Leviathan Mine. He also wanted to thank all of the agencies who responded to the Washington Fire. Dr. Horne updated the Board on her tour of the San Francisco, Recology Recycling plant. Chair Cox reported on her Chair's Conference Call and that she will be distributing the Agenda for the October Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting to the Board Members.

#### 4. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [July Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- a. the November 4-5, 2015
- b. Board meeting location has been changed to Barstow;
- c. July 21, 2015 Tahoe Bi-State Executive Committee (SB 630) Meeting;
- d. Washington Fire in Alpine County;
- e. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts No. 14 and No. 20, submitted a request for an extension and release of SEP funds;
- f. the City of Barstow requested an extension (one year) to begin operation of the nitrate removal system; and,
- g. Lahontan case closure targets are at 49 (estimated at 41) for the year.

#### **NEW OR AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

#### 5. Waste Discharge Requirements for California Department of Transportation – District 9 Industrial Washwater Recycling, Treatment and Disposal System, Crestview Maintenance Facility, Mono County

This Item was postponed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 6. Updated Delegation of Authority to the Executive Officer

Mr. Robert Larsen, Senior Environmental Scientist reviewed the changes that were made to the Delegation of Authority based on input from the Board Members at the May 2015 Board meeting. Dr. Horne requested that item 4 on page 2 of the Resolution include “are controversial” as a criterion in which the Executive Office should bring an item before the Board.

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Dyas, to approve the Delegation of Authority with amended language. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote and the motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	aye

Click here to view the adopted [Resolution R6T-2015-0028](#)

#### **STATUS UPDATE**

#### 7. Progress Report - Consideration of a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Order in the matter of an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) against Los Angeles Department of Power and Water for alleged violations at Lee Vining Creek Diversion Structure, Mono County

Mr. Scott Ferguson, Supervising WRCE, addressed the Board and presented a revised Settlement Agreement for the Board's consideration. A Settlement Agreement was originally presented at the June Board meeting in Bishop where the Board rejected the proposal and asked the parties to go back into negotiations and requested a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) be incorporated into the Settlement. Mr. Ferguson outlined four possible U.S. Forest Service (USFS) SEP projects that could be incorporated into the revised Settlement.

Mr. Pumphrey asked what would happen next if the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) does not approve spending more than 50 percent of the SEP funds. Mr. Ferguson stated that the fourth project on the SEP could be dropped. Dr. Horne asked how staff will justify spending more than 50 percent to the OAL. Mr. Ferguson responded that the eastern side of California does not get as much money as other regions for wildfire susceptibility and Integrated Regional Water Management grants. She also wanted to know if the community provided input for the prioritization of project importance. Mr. Ferguson felt the USFS provided reasonable outreach with the community and that they have been working with the Eastern Sierra Land Trust to involve the community in the process for this Region. Dr. Horne requested that we think about capacity development when developing watershed plans.

- **Motion:** Board Member Pumphrey moved to:
  - a. approve the proposed SEP projects;
  - b. request the Director of the Office of Enforcement to provide an exemption to allow more than 50 percent of the ACL to be put towards the SEP;
  - c. authorize staff to adjust the agreement if the exemption is not granted to the percent limit;
  - d. request staff to enter into a settlement agreement with the discharger, including the final SEP, and prepare a final stipulated order; and,
  - e. authorize the Executive Officer to execute the final stipulated order.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Horne. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote and the motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	aye

Note: The Water Board took a break from 10:22-10:35 a.m.

#### 8. **Lahontan Water Board SEP Program Update**

Mr. Eric Taxer, WRCE, presented an overview of the SEP Program and completed Pilot Project adopted in 2014 (Resolutions R6T-2014-0014 and R6T-2014-0015). He provided next steps for the remainder of 2015 which includes outreach to potential partner organizations to establish eligibility in the program.

Mr. Pumphrey asked if the Resolution was adequate enough to move forward with evaluating future SEP partners. Mr. Taxer confirmed that it is. Chair Cox asked if there was a percentage of the grant set aside for administrative overhead costs. Staff council replied that the SEP Policy does not allow for overhead costs but that there may be a way to create a fund for this purpose. Dr. Horne asked how the list of potential SEP Projects will be

updated, whether staff or the project proponents will be responsible for updating the list and relaying that information to the Board. Mr. Taxer stated that staff will work with partner organizations to update the list according to a set schedule included in their MOU and these dates will coincide with the staff report to the Board which is presented every two years. The updated lists will first be evaluated to ensure criteria set by the Board are met and then the lists will be made available to the public. Dr. Horne questioned whether there was a mechanism to help raise money for institution capacity. Ms. Kouyoumdjian responded that staff could contact other groups and agencies to share information and investigate grant opportunities. Mr. Pumphrey offered to reach out to the Sierra Water Workgroup Council. Dr. Horne requested that the Board be updated when new projects are added to the list.

#### **9. Climate Change Strategy Status**

In his presentation Mr. Doug Smith, Supervising Engineering Geologist, itemized the proposed plan for developing a strategy which included: identify issues, example goals and actions, and a timeline for next steps.

The Board requested staff engage stakeholders in developing workgroups and as early as possible as well as reach out to groups/agencies who may be working on climate change issues and collaborate with them. Mr. Pumphrey requested to see the list of workshop participants. Dr. Horne would like to see a running list of policy changes as they develop. Staff will be making monthly updates to the Board on this item in the Executive Officers Report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **10. Guidance for the Prioritization of the Lahontan Region 303(d) List of Impaired Waters**

Mary Fiore-Wagner and Carly Nilson, Environmental Scientists, presented this item to the Board. They discussed the 157 impaired water bodies in the Lahontan Region and the proposed approach in prioritizing these water bodies for action by staff. The first step to this approach is sorting the listings into four bins based on current action and data. Bin 1 includes water body impairments that are currently addressed by a regulatory action or a USEPA approved TMDL. Bin 2 captures water bodies confirmed as impaired but not being addressed. Bin 3 includes water body-pollutant combinations that have been placed on the Lahontan 303(d) List for impaired waters, but staff is not confident with the existing data set to determine if the water body is impaired. Bin 4 captures listings that do not need action at this time.

Staff recommended developing workplans to address Bin 2 and further prioritized Bin 2 into high, medium and low priority based on: direct impacts to human health, beneficial/recreational uses, and whether the water body was isolated or ephemeral.

The Board agreed with the approach provided by staff. Mr. Jardine stated that he may be able to get data from the 1980's on the East Fork Carson River. Dr. Horne asked if Bin 3 could be categorized further to identify a need or resource to address these listings. Staff responded that listings in Bin 3 should be included in staff workplans when feasible to verify impairment and possible shifting of bins. For listings where it is not feasible to obtain data, another option needs to be found.

#### **11. Wetland Mapping and Assessment Tools**

Tobi Tyler, WRCE, introduced this item presenting wetland mapping and assessment tools that have been developed to further the protection and enhancement of wetlands. Sarah

Pearce of the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), provided an overview of what the California Rapid Assessment Methodology (CRAM) is and how it can be used as a cost-effective, reproducible, and scientifically-validated method for rapid assessments of wetlands and other waters. Cristina Grosso also with SFEI, discussed EcoAtlas, a developing wetland visualization tool, and its potential uses in the Lake Tahoe Basin and elsewhere in the region, and current uses within the state. Shin-Roei Lee, Assistant Executive Officer at Region 1, discussed the benefits and utility of EcoAtlas as a regulatory tool for Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) compliance and the state's no net loss wetland policy.

Ms. Kouyoumdjain asked if CRAM could be used for citizen monitoring programs. Ms. Pearce replied that CRAM has gotten limited citizen monitoring use but that it can be a useful, low cost tool. Dr. Horne asked how long it takes to become proficient. Ms. Pearce stated that it takes 5 days to be trained and that proficiency develops from previous knowledge or repetitive use. Ms. Niemeyer asked Ms. Grosso who inputs the CRAM data into EcoAtlas and if there is a review of the data for accuracy. Only people certified in CRAM are allowed to input data and there is no review of entries. Dr. Horne wanted to know if 401 WQC information was available in EcoAtlas. It is currently not available but the tool is being reviewed at the State Board level for approval of funding. Mr. Ferguson asked the Board if staff should continue to pursue the use of CRAM and EcoAtlas. The Board agreed that both of these tool should be used and requested staff bring back a demonstration on the applications of these tools at a later Board meeting.

## 12. Alpine Watershed Group Efforts and Collaboration in Alpine County

Carly Nilson, Environmental Scientist, introduced Mr. Shane Fryer, Watershed Coordinator for the Alpine Watershed Group (AWG). This non-profit's mission is to preserve and enhance the natural system functions in Alpine County's watersheds. Mr. Fryer highlighted the AWG efforts in the development of a volunteer water quality monitoring program, implementing restoration projects, and providing education and outreach to the community. The Lahontan Water Board has recently partnered with AWG as a sub-contractor for the Proposition 84 *Rivers and Ranches* grant. AWG solicited ranchers to apply for grant funds to implement grazing management practices in Alpine County. The AWG is hosting their premier outreach and educational event, the Alpine Aspen festival on October 10-11, 2015.

## 13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in Closed Session from 11:37 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. There were no reportable actions.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m. on June 11, 2015.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

# MINUTES

## September 16-17, 2015

### Regular Meeting

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region  
Holiday Inn Express, Sidewinder Room  
2700 Lenwood Road  
Barstow, CA 92311

### Board Members Participating

Kimberly Cox, Chair, Helendale  
Keith Dyas, Vice Chair, Rosamond  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Don Jardine, Markleeville  
Peter C. Pumphrey, Bishop

### Board Member Absent

Eric Sandel, Truckee

### Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

### State Board Staff

Gita Kapahi, Director, Office of Public Participation  
AnnaKathryn Benedict, Office of Enforcement, State Water Resources Control Board  
Andrew DiLuccia, Office of Public Affairs, State Water Resources Control Board

### Regional Board Staff Participating

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Mike Plaziak, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Doug Smith, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Rich Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist  
Patrice Copeland, Sr. Engineering Geologist

Cindi Mitton, Senior WRCE  
Lisa Dernbach, Sr. Engineering Geologist  
Alonzo Poach, Engineering Geologist  
Jeffery Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist  
Anne Holden, Engineering Geologist  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, September 16, 2015- 1:00 p.m.**

To view the full Agenda and listen to the audio of this meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Kimberly Cox, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on September 16, 2015, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, State and Regional Water Board Staff.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Public Workshop to discuss changes made on the Draft PG&E Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) by the Advisory Team**

To view the full Transcript, which includes all questions and comments made during the workshop, [CLICK HERE](#)

Gita Kapahi addressed the audience and gave an overview of the process for the workshop and opportunities for public comment. Kim Niemeyer, Staff Council, explained due process and the rolls of the Prosecution Team and Advisory Team in a Hearing.

The Prosecution Team and PG&E presented mutually agreed upon changes (consensus changes) to the Draft CAO submitted to the Advisory Team for possible inclusion the final Draft CAO.

The Advisory Team, explained that all of the consensus changes provided by the Prosecution Team and PG&E were incorporated in the latest version of the draft CAO with minor modifications. The Advisory Team presented recommendations on the areas of the draft CAO that the Prosecution Team and PG&E could not find consensus. Areas discussed were:

- a. Cleanup requirements for the lower aquifer
- b. Plume definition and mapping
- c. Replacement water requirements
- d. Performance and Submittal Requirements

The Advisory Team responded to questions and heard comments from the Board, Parties, and the public, for consideration when drafting the final Draft CAO. Five key issues of concern were raised at the workshop: plume mapping and best professional judgment; use of the word "uncertain"; cleanup requirements in the lower aquifer; use of the word "interim"; and, replacement water requirements. The Board requested that the Advisory Team take the key issues into consideration when preparing the final draft CAO.

*Note: The Board recessed for dinner from 4:35-7 p.m.*

After the dinner recess, the Advisory Team gave a summary of the comments they heard from the afternoon session and reminded the audience that written comments are due by September 30, 2015. The final Draft CAO will be released mid-October and presented at the November Board Meeting for the Board's consideration.

### **2. Status Report on Activities Concerning Chromium Contamination from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Hinkley Compressor Station**

Ms. Lisa Dernbach, Senior Engineering Geologist; Mr. Kevin Sullivan, representing PG&E; and Mr. Ian Webster, IRP Manager, presented status updates on recent efforts and activities in the Hinkley community and answered Board questions.

Public Comment:

- a. Larry Griep, Hinkley resident, reported that he has been volunteering to deliver food to as many as 70 Hinkley residents. Mr. Griep expressed his concern with the lack of monitoring in the West.
- b. Daron Banks, Hinkley Resident, asked the Board to address the original contamination site.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

*Note: The Board adjourned for the evening at 8:49 p.m.*

**REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

4. **Minutes**

This Item is postponed.

5. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**NEW OR REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

6. **California Department of Transportation – District 9 Industrial Washwater Recycling, Treatment and Disposal System, Crestview Maintenance Facility, Mono County**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, and seconded by Mr. Pumphrey, to adopt Item 6 as presented The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote and the motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	absent

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6T-2015-0056](#)

7. **U.S. Borax, Inc., Clean Energy Fuels Company, Boron Facility, Kern County**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Pumphrey, and seconded by Dr. Horne, to adopt Item 7 as presented The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote and the motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	absent

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2015-0057](#)

## **REPORTS**

### **8. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

Mr. Jardine notified the Board that Nevada Governor, Brian Sandoval, is hosting a Drought Summit, September 21-22 in Carsen City, NV.

Mr. Pumphrey stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sierra Water Summit was a success and that notes from the meeting will be posted to the Sierra Water Workgroup website.

Dr. Horne was a participant at the Summit and reported on her takeaways from the day. She will be giving a presentation on progress made by the State Watershed Workgroup at the upcoming WQCC meeting in Sacramento. After the Colorado River Compact Conference in January, Dr. Horne will be organizing an event to benefit the community as a requirement to complete her law degree.

Chair Cox reported on the Chairs Conference call and that the WQCC meeting is October 12-13.

### **9. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [September Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- a. 2016 Board Schedule and Standing Reports
- b. New Staff: Jane Covey, Brian Judge, Jeffrey Fitzsimmons, and Alonzo Poach
- c. Lake Tahoe Science meeting
- d. Timber Waiver Compliance
- e. MolyCorp Mine
- f. Dairy Status
- g. Grazing Regulatory Action Plan
- h. Basin Plan Amendment on pesticide use in water bodies
- i. Truckee River Watershed Council

Ms. Lauri Kemper presented the Quarterly Violations Report and the schedule of pending enforcement actions.

## **PLANS AND POLICIES**

### **10. Scoping Meeting - 2015 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan)**

Rich Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist addressed the Board and gave a Power Point presentation highlighting the 22 projects for consideration in the 2015 Triennial Review. Mr. Booth requested input from the Board on criteria to prioritize the projects.

Board Comments:

Mr. Jardine stated that the Bridgeport Valley (Revise Water Quality Objectives for Bacteria) is a high priority for him.

Mr. Pumphrey asked staff to provide a list of possible criteria to evaluate these projects. He suggested reaching out to entities with projects and request assistance in the way of data or other resources to help move forward with these projects. Mr. Pumphrey asked when working on a broad project (such as Revise Water Quality Objectives for Bacteria, Bacteria

Indicators, or Riparian Protection Policy), staff resources could work double duty to collect data on site-specific projects for dual benefit. Bacteria indicators are a high priority for him.

Dr. Horne asked if the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) staff would work on the Truckee River Watershed Council's request to amend the Truckee TMDL. Mr. Booth stated that he would add it to the project list. Dr. Horne requested future scoping meetings be held in both the north and south Lahontan Regions. She asked staff to list which projects are mandatory and not up for debate (staff resources to run the Basin Planning Program). She stated that projects on the previous list should not take priority over new projects. Projects that have a greater stakeholder support or strategic importance due to population growth or climate change should hold greater importance. It is useful to have projects listed out in columns delineating whether they are broad projects or site specific/local projects.

Mr. Dyas asked who requested project 14 (Remove two beneficial uses from Piute Ponds) as he thought these fell under the jurisdiction of the Air Force and he wants to make sure the Air Force agrees with this request. Mr. Booth and Erica Bensch with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD) stated LACSD has a waste discharge permit to discharge into Piute Ponds and that the Air Force does have jurisdiction over those ponds. LACSD will work with staff and the Air Force to reach consensus.

## **REPORTS**

### **11. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA)**

Brian Moniz, Regional Coordinator with the Department of Water Resources, gave an overview of SGMA's inception. Mr. Moniz emphasized SGMA's guiding principal, which states that groundwater resources are best accomplished locally. SGMA provides the framework, which encompasses the local and state rolls. The framework the Act provides, applicability, key definitions, and assigns deadlines to the local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The local's responsible is to establish GSAs, develop powers and authorities for managing the GSA as well as developing sustainability plans.

Dwayne Chisam, Assistant General Manager, Antelope Valley Eastern Kern Water Agency, asked if the state provides guidelines for multiple entities that want to establish a GSA. Mr. Moniz stated there are criteria in legislation for which entities can create a GSA.

Dr. Horne asked if entities could apply for and use a planning grant to assist them in creating a GSA and defining boundaries. Mr. Moniz did not know; however, his department does have a contract for facilitation services available for this use.

Katherine Rubin, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, asked when the deadlines are for the new regulations. Mr. Moniz provided her with the information he had and would research the dates he did not know.

Erik Ekdahl and Samuel Boland-Brien, with the State Board's Groundwater Management Program, gave a joint presentation highlighting historical data on climate change, population growth, agricultural land use change, and groundwater elevation change. They identified high and medium priority Basins in the Lahontan Region, the majority being in the south Lahontan Region.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. on September 17, 2015.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

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