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Mr. Richard Booth  
Chief, TMDL/Basin Planning Unit  
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Dear Mr. Booth:

This letter responds to the Regional Board's solicitation of public comments regarding issues to be considered in the 2012 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan (Basin Plan). We appreciate this opportunity to provide input to the Triennial Review scoping process.

We agree that the projects summarized in the 2012 Triennial Review Topic List are priority issues. Additionally, we continue to support as a high priority, identification of freshwaters that support early life stages of salmonids, and revision of pentachlorophenol (PCP) water quality objectives, where appropriate, as part of this Triennial Review process. This request is a result of US EPA's Endangered Species Act consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (the Services) for the California Toxics Rule (CTR). The Services' Biological Opinion for the CTR concluded that the CTR criteria for PCP were not protective of early life stages of salmonids under conditions of low dissolved oxygen and high temperatures. Protective criteria are outlined in US EPA's November 14, 2007 letter to the State and Regional Boards.

We look forward to working with you further on the priority issues identified through this Triennial Review scoping process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 972-3452 or Matthew Mitchell at (415) 972-3508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Hashimoto".

Janet Hashimoto, Manager  
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cc: Tom Maurer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Joe Dillon, National Marine Fisheries Service