

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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REVISED (ITEM #11 REMOVED) MEETING AGENDA

March 12-13, 2008
Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency
Board Room
13720 Joerger Drive
Truckee, CA 96161

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Regular Meeting: 3:30 p.m.

Dinner break: 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, continued: Approximately 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Regular Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

*Note: A quorum of the Regional Board will be dining on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at Moody's Bistro & Lounge (inside the Truckee Hotel) 10007 Bridge Street, Truckee, CA 96161.

<u>General Meeting Information:</u> The meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Laurie Applegate at least five days prior to the meeting date at (530) 542-5414 or LApplegate@waterboards.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

The following items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order. Public hearings will not be called to order prior to the time specified. If, due to time constraints, the Water Board is unable to consider all of the items scheduled for Wednesday, the item(s) not heard will be considered on Thursday, March 13, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. All Board files, exhibits and agenda material pertaining to items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record for the appropriate item.

Anyone wishing to present a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation during the meeting, using the Water Board's projector, must provide the presentation to the Water Board on either a CD or via email at least three working days prior to the meeting. Please contact the staff person listed for the agenda item of interest.

California Environmental Protection Agency



NOTICE

Submittal of Written Material for Water Board Consideration

In order to ensure that the Water Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, it is necessary to submit it at least ten (10) days before the meeting unless otherwise specified. This will allow distribution of material to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Pursuant to Title 23 California Code of Regulations Section 648.4, the Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of the written testimony, the Water Board may refuse to admit it.

A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq.

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - 3:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **1.** <u>Executive Officer's Report</u> (The Board will not be asked to take any formal action; however, it may provide direction to staff.) (Harold Singer)
 - --- Discussion of Standing Items
 - --- Notification of Spills (Pursuant to Section 13271, California Water Code and Section 25180.7, California Health and Safety Code)
 - --- Notification of Closure of Underground Storage Tank Cases (Pursuant to Article 11, Division 3, Chapter 16, Title 23, California Code of Regulations)
- 2. Reports by Chair and Board Members (Board members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. The Board may provide direction to staff; however, there will be no voting or formal action taken.)

3. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(I).
- b. Discussion to Decide Whether to Initiate Litigation. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(c)(l).
- c. Discussion of Litigation: County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS095981. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(e).
- d. Discussion of Litigation: County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS096057. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(e).

- e. Discussion of Litigation filed by the State of California and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, v. Glen R. Hammond and Limited Partners, Kern County Superior Court Case No. 235695. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(e).
- f. Discussion of Litigation: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region v. Mary Ann Ferguson, et al., Placer County Superior Court Case No. T CV 1002. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).
- g. Discussion of Litigation: People of the State of California ex rel. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region v. Thomas E. Erickson et al., El Dorado Superior Court Case No. SC20010089. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(e).
- h. Discussion of Litigation: Atlantic Richfield Company v. State of California, State Water Resources Control Board, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC380474. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).
- i. Deliberation on a Decision to be Reached Based Upon Evidence Introduced in a Hearing. The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on evidence presented at the March 12-13, 2008 Water Board meeting concerning: Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability Order for Everd A. McCain, B.J. Deis, and McCain and Associates for violations of (1) Waste Discharge Prohibitions specified by the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, (2) California Water Code Section 13267, (3) Clean Water Act 301, (4) California Water Code 13304, and (5) Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Belfast Ranch Skeet Dam and Buz Dam, Lassen County. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3).
- j. Discussion of Personnel Matters. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code Section 11126(a).

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - Approximately 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

4. PUBLIC FORUM

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/upcoming.shtml) will be restricted.

5. MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13-14, 2007 in Victorville. (Laurie Applegate)

REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

Mono County Waste Systems Divisions, <u>Benton Class III Landfill</u>, Mono County – Board Order No. R6V-2008-Proposed (The Water Board will consider adopting closure WDRs for the Benton Class III Landfill.) (Richard Booth)

ENFORCEMENT

7. Public Hearing - Consideration of a Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No.
6-88-14 for the South Tahoe Public Utility District, El Dorado and Alpine
County (The Water Board will be asked to consider rescinding Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 6-8814 pertaining to past noncompliance with waste discharge requirements.) (Rob Tucker)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 8. Resolution Approving a Request by the Friends of Squaw Creek and the Truckee River Watershed Council for Funds from the Red Dog Diesel Spill Mitigation Fund for Squaw Creek Restoration Planning, Olympic Valley, Placer County (The Water Board will consider approving a funding request of \$20,000.) (Tom Gavigan)
- 9. Resolution for the Tahoe City Marina Expansion and Dredging Project,
 Exemption to a Waste Discharge Prohibition Contained in the Water Quality
 Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, Placer County (The Water Board will consider adopting a Resolution that exempts the project from Basin Plan prohibitions for discharges below the high water line of Lake Tahoe.) (Tobi Tyler)
- 10. Update on the Development of the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load Allocation Strategies (This is an informational item. The Water Board will not be taking any formal action but may provide direction to its staff.) (Doug Smith)
- 11. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Sign the Record of Decision for Abandoned Landfill and Southern Sites Area, Sierra Army Depot, Lassen County (The Water Board will consider authorizing its Executive Officer to sign the Record of Decision.) James Brathovde) ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Thursday, March 13, 2008 – 8:30 a.m.

<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>

12. PUBLIC FORUM

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ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Public Hearing – Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability Order for Everd A. McCain, B.J. Deis, and McCain and Associates for violations of (1) Waste Discharge Prohibitions specified by the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, (2) California Water Code Section 13267, (3) Clean Water Act 301, (4) California Water Code 13304, and (5) Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification - Belfast Ranch – Skeet Dam and Buz Dam, Lassen County, WDID Nos. 6A180508N05 and 6A180105013 (The Water Board will consider whether to affirm, modify, or reject Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R6T-2007-0007 in the amount of \$100,000, or to refer the matter to the California Attorney General.) (Scott C. Ferguson/Mary Fiore-Wagner)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Any party aggrieved by a certain decision of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board), may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the decision. The petition <u>must</u> be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the Lahontan Water Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the law and regulation applicable to filing petitions will be provided upon request.

Note: A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act may be obtained by calling:

For the Northern Lahontan Basin, Tobi Tyler in South Lake Tahoe at (530) 542-5435

For the Southern Lahontan Basin, Cindi Mitton in Victorville at (760) 241-7413

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, has a home page that can be accessed on the Internet, at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan

The Lahontan Water Board will be considering many items during this meeting which may result in Board action or direction to staff. We encourage input from all people interested in a given item or issue, so that when we act, our decision is based on all available information. Although an oath is not administered in most of the proceedings before this Board, we expect all statements made before this Board to be truthful with no attempts to mislead this Board by false statements, deceptive presentation or failure to include essential information.

The Board encourages all people in or near a Board meeting to refrain from engaging in inappropriate conduct. Inappropriate conduct may include disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior, breach of peace, boisterous conduct, violent disturbance or other unlawful interference in the Board's proceedings. Such conduct could subject you to contempt sanctions by the superior court (Govt. C Sec 11455.10).

The Board Chairperson may impose sanctions, including reasonable expenses and attorney's fees, on any party for bad faith actions, frivolous tactics or actions intended to cause unnecessary delay by a party or the party's attorney or representative (Govt. C Sec 11455.30).

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LAHONTAN REGION

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LAHONTAN WATER BOARD MEMBERS

Name Location of Residence or Business Appointment Category

Jack Clarke, Chair Apple Valley Water Supply Mike Dispenza Palmdale Municipal Government R. Keith Dvas Rosamond Industrial Water Use Amy Horne, Ph.D. Truckee Rec., Fish and Wildlife Eric Sandel, Vice Chair Truckee Water Quality Susan J. Van Dam Barstow Irrigated Agriculture Vacant Public Vacant Water Quality Vacant County Government

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD STAFF

Harold J. Singer Robert Dodds David Coupe Laurie Applegate
Executive Officer Assistant Executive Officer Counsel to the Board Executive Assistant

and Ombudsman

South Lake Tahoe Office: Chuck Curtis, Manager, Cleanup and Enforcement Division

Chein Kao, Chief, Leviathan Mine Unit

Scott Ferguson, Chief, Enforcement & Special Projects Unit Richard Booth, Chief, Cleanup and Site Investigation Unit

Lauri Kemper, Manager, North Lahontan Watersheds Division

Alan Miller, Chief, North Basin Regulatory Unit

Doug Smith, Chief, TMDL Unit

Douglas Cushman, Chief, Non-Point Source Unit

Victorville Office: Mike Plaziak, Manager, Southern Lahontan Watershed Division

Cindi Mitton, Chief, South Basin UST/DOD/SCP Unit

vacant, Chief, South Basin Regulatory Unit

The primary responsibility of the Water Board is to protect the quality of the surface and groundwater within the Region for beneficial uses. The duty is carried out by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water bodies; by prescribing and enforcing requirements on domestic and industrial waste dischargers, and by requiring cleanup of water contamination and pollution. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Board are outlined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Regular meetings of the Board are normally held on the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Meeting locations vary but generally alternate between the north and south basins of the region.

The purpose of the monthly meeting is to provide the Board with testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the evidence presented. A public forum is held at each regular meeting where any person may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, but may not be related to any item on the agenda or scheduled for a future meeting.

The Board welcomes information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics of the case to enable the Board to take appropriate action. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only a summary of pertinent points presented verbally. Written material should be submitted no later than the Monday, ten days prior to the Board meeting, or according to the deadlines specified in the Notice of Public Hearing for the agenda item.

Recordings are made of each Board meeting and these tapes/ CDs are retained in the Board's office for two years. Anyone desiring copies should contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414, for the current fee schedule for copies.

NOTES

A. <u>SEQUENCE OF AGENDA ITEMS</u>

The items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order.

B. AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA MATERIAL

Details concerning these agenda items are available for public reference during working hours at the Board's offices. Copies of individual agenda items may be obtained at the Board's offices after 8:00 a.m. on the Friday, twelve days preceding the Board meeting. The staff will assist in answering questions.

C. UNCONTESTED ITEMS CALENDAR

Item numbers with an asterisk (*) are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member, or interested party requests discussion, the item will be removed from the Uncontested Calendar to be considered separately.

D. PETITION OF REGIONAL BOARD ACTION

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E. HEARING RECORD EXHIBITS

Material presented to the Board as part of the testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Board. This includes photographs, slides, chart, diagrams, etc.

F. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS</u>

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit before the Lahontan Water Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contributions of \$250 or more to be used in a federal, state, or local election, made by the action supporter or opponent, or his or her agent, within the last 12 months to any Water Board member. All permit applicants and all persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit pending before the Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Board member for three months following a Water Board decision on the permit application.

G. <u>ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION</u>

At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon evidence introduced in the hearing. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session. Authority: Government Code Section 11126 (a), (c)(3) and (e).