

# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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# **MEETING AGENDA**

March 9-10, 2011

Cora Harper Fitness Center 841 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Regular Meeting: 1:30 p.m.

Dinner Break: 5:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting continued: 7:00 p.m. approximately

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Regular Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

**Note:** A quorum of the Water Board will be dining on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at the Idle Spurs Steak House, 690 Hwy 58, Barstow, CA. The Water Board will not be discussing anything related to the Board's authority during this dinner.

## **Supporting Documents:**

Supporting documents for agenda items are posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting. If you wish to be added to the interested parties list for a specific agenda item, please contact the staff person listed with the item in the agenda announcement. To view or download documents, go to <a href="www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan">www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan</a>. (see note below for information on the timing for submitting comments).

## **Submittal of Written Material for Water Board Consideration:**

Comments on individual items are welcome and encouraged. Written comments on an agenda item must be submitted on or before the due date listed in the hearing notice associated with the agenda item. Hearing notices are distributed to persons who have indicated they want to receive information about a specific item and are posted on the

California Environmental Protection Agency



Water Board's web site (<a href="www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan">www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan</a>). For items that do not have a separate hearing notice with specific due dates, written comments must be submitted at least ten (10) days before the meeting. This allows time to distribute the material to Water Board members in advance of the meeting, providing the opportunity for the members to read and consider the information submitted. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, 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 Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, Title 23, 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.

The meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Robin Coale at least five days prior to the meeting date at (760) 241-6467 or rcoale@waterboards.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

## **General Meeting Information:**

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, 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.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

## Wednesday, March 9, 2011- 1:30 p.m.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

# 1. PUBLIC FORUM

Any person may address the Water Board regarding a matter within the Water Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. Comments will generally be limited to five minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should contact the Executive Officer at least ten days prior to the meeting. Comments regarding matters that are under development for future meetings will be restricted. (See <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board\_info/agenda/upcoming.shtml#top">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board\_info/agenda/upcoming.shtml#top</a> )

## 2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2010 in South Lake Tahoe (Laurie Applegate)

## 3. ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

Items denoted by (\*) are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Water Board will act on these items at one time without discussion. If any Water Board member, staff member, or interested party requests discussion, the item will be removed from the Uncontested Calendar to be considered separately. Requests to have an item removed from the uncontested calendar can be made in advance of the meeting by writing to the Water Board or by calling the Water Board's Executive Officer or the request can be made to the Water Board at the meeting on the Wednesday before the vote on the Uncontested Calendar.

## REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

\*4. Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County, Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant (The Water Board will consider adopting Revised Waste Discharge Requirements to consolidate and update the current Waste Discharge Requirements and its amendments) (Linda Stone)

## RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

\*5. California Department of Fish and Game, Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery, Inyo County – Board Order No. R6V-2006-0029 (The Water Board will consider Rescission of NPDES Permit CA0102784 and Waste Discharge Requirements WDID 6B140800004 for the Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery) (Mary Dellavalle)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- 6. Cleanup Program for Department of Defense Facilities Accomplishments and Status (This is an informational item. No Water Board action will be taken.) (Jehiel Cass)
- \*7. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Sign the Record of Decision for Site 3 Main Base Inactive Landfill, Operable Unit 7, Edwards Air Force Base, Kern County, (The Water Board will consider authorizing the Executive Officer to sign the Record of Decision.) (Tim Post)
- 8. **Executive Officer's Report** (The Water 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 Water Code section 13271, and Health and Safety Code section 25180.7)

<sup>\*</sup> See Item 3

- --- Notification of Closure of Underground Storage Tank Cases (Pursuant to Article 11, Division 3, Chapter 16, title 23, California Code of Regulations)
- --- Quarterly Violations Reports

July 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

October 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010

9. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011

# 10. CLOSED SESSION\*\*

- a. Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(B)(i).
- b. Discussion to Decide Whether to Initiate Litigation. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(C)(i).
- c. 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, subdivision (e).
- d. 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. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- e. Discussion of Litigation: Sierra Forest Legacy et al. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, et al., El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. SC20090123. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- f. Discussion of Litigation (Petition for Review of Lahontan Water Board Action Filed with the State Water Resources Control Board): Sierra Forest Legacy et al. v. Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2025). <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- g. Discussion of Litigation: Sarbjit S. Kang, an individual and Kang Property, Inc. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region; and California State Water Resources Control Board, El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. SC20090234. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).

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 the 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, subdivisions (a), (c), (3) and (e).

- h. Discussion of Litigation (Petition for Review of Lahontan Water Board Action Filed with the State Water Resources Control Board): In the Matter of the Petition of the California Department of Fish and Game for Review of Action by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region in Adopting Order No. R6V-2010-0016 Regarding Hot Creek Hatchery (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2092). <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- i. Discussion of Litigation (Petition for Review of Lahontan Water Board Action Filed with the State Water Resources Control Board): In the Matter of the Petition of the Californians for Alternatives to Toxics et al. for Review of Action by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region in Adopting Order No. R6T-2010-0015 Regarding Department of Fish and Game Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2094). <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- j. Discussion of Personnel Matters. <u>Authority</u>: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - approximately 7:00 p.m.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

11. Public Workshop for Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, Final Groundwater Cleanup Strategy for Historical Chromium Discharges from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Hinkley Compressor Station, San Bernardino County (Water Board staff will discuss public input received during the CEQA scoping period, summarize the contents of the draft SEIR, and provide a schedule for bringing the SEIR to the Water Board for consideration. The Water Board will not take formal action on this item, but may give direction to staff regarding cleanup project goals and the range of cleanup alternatives and potential impacts analyzed in the draft SEIR. The Chair may limit presentations to a maximum of five (5) minutes in order to accommodate everyone who wishes to speak.) (Anne Holden)

## STATUS REPORTS

12. Status Report on Containment and Remediation Activities at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Hinkley Chromium Cleanup Project, San Bernardino County (Water Board staff will summarize actions taken since March 2010 to contain and remediate the chromium contaminated ground water from historical chromium discharges by PG&E in the Hinkley area. Water Board staff will also summarize alleged violations of the 2008 Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R6V-2008-0002. The Water Board will not take formal action on this item, but may give direction to staff. The Chair may limit presentations to a maximum of five (5) minutes in order to accommodate everyone who wishes to speak.) (Lisa Dernbach)

## Thursday, March 10, 2011 - 8:30 a.m.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

13. Public Hearing - Consideration of a Cease and Desist Order for Adelanto Public

Utility Authority, Adelanto Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facility and

Adelanto Wastewater Treatment Plant for Discharging or Threatening to

Discharge Waste in Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements Specified by

Water Board Order Nos. R6V-2002-050 and R6V-2009-0036 and in Violation of

Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2007-24 and Cleanup and Abatement Order No.

R6V-2010-0054, San Bernardino County — WDID No. 6B369805001 (The Water Board will consider adopting, adopting with amendments, denying, or referring to the Attorney General's Office for further enforcement, a Cease and Desist Order establishing a connection ban for additional discharges to the Adelanto wastewater system and establish a compliance schedule for the wastewater treatment system.)

(Eric J. Taxer)

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Any person aggrieved by an action of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region that is subject to review as set forth in Water Code section 13320, subdivision (a), may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action. Any petition must be made in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date the action was taken, except that if the thirtieth day following the date the action was taken falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulation applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\_notices/petitions/water\_quality or 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:

#### Northern Lahontan Basin:

Tobi Tyler in South Lake Tahoe at (530) 542-5435, ttyler@waterboards.ca.gov

## Southern Lahontan Basin:

Patrice Copeland and Jan Zimmerman, in Victorville at (760) 241-6583, pcopeland@waterboards.ca.gov or jzimmerman@waterboards.ca.gov

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

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 (Gov. Code § 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 (Gov. Code § 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 Don Jardine, Vice Chair Markleeville County Government Mike Dispenza Palmdale Municipal Government R. Keith Dyas Rosamond Industrial Water Use Truckee Rec., Fish and Wildlife Amy Horne, Ph.D. Peter C. Pumphrey Bishop Water Quality Eric Sandel Truckee Water Quality Vacant Irrigated Agriculture Vacant

Public

## LAHONTAN WATER BOARD STAFF

Harold J. Singer Lauri Kemper Kim Niemeyer Robin Coale **Executive Officer** Assistant Executive Officer Counsel to the Board Office Technician

and Ombudsman

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

Scott Ferguson, Chief, Enforcement & Special Projects Unit

Alan Miller, Chief, North Basin Regulatory Unit

Chief, Leviathan Mine Unit (Vacant)

Doug Smith, Manager, North Lahontan Watersheds Division

Richard Booth, Chief, TMDL Unit

Douglas Cushman, Chief, Non-Point Source Unit

Tom Gavigan, Chief, North Basin Cleanup and Site Investigation Unit

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

Patrice Copeland, Chief, Land Disposal Unit Keith Elliott, Chief, South Basin Regulatory Unit

Cindi Mitton, Chief, South Basin Cleanup and Site Investigation 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 Water 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.

Recordings are made of each Water Board meeting and are retained in the Water Board's office for two years. Anyone desiring copies should contact Robin Coale at (760) 241-6467 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.

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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. CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

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. ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION

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