

## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

# MINUTES

## May 11-12, 2016

### Regular Meeting

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

#### **Board Members Participating**

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Chair, Truckee  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond  
Don Jardine, Markleeville  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

#### **Board Members Absent**

Peter C. Pumphrey, Vice Chair, Bishop  
Kimberly Cox, Helendale

#### **Legal Counsel**

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, 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, Supervising WRCE  
Cathe Pool, Senior WRCE  
Doug Cushman, Senior WRCE

Bruce Warden, Environmental Scientist  
Eric J. Taxer, WRCE  
Bob Larsen, Staff Environmental Scientist  
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE  
Amber Wike, MST/Interim Board Clerk  
Daryl Kambitsch, OT/Assistant to Board Clerk  
Ed Hancock, Scientific Aid

### **Ace Hereford Tour**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016 – 1:00p.m. (approx. 2.5 hours)**

### **TOUR: Proposition 84 Ace Hereford Ranch Grazing Implementation Practices**

Eric Sandel, Don Jardine, and members of the public, visited the Ace Hereford Ranch, recipient of Proposition 84 grant funds managed by the Lahontan Water Board, located east of Woodfords in Alpine County. The Alpine Watershed Group worked as a subcontractor to assist the landowner in the design and implementation of multiple grazing management practices to reduce pathogen and nutrient loading in the West Fork of the Carson River. Some of the practices implemented at the ranch include exclusion fencing, vegetative buffers, bridge crossing for cattle, irrigation ditch repair, and watering pond construction away from the river. The tour was hosted by the Alpine Watershed Group.

AMY L. HORNE, PHD, CHAIR | PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday May 11, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.**

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**INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Amy Horne, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on May 11, 2016, and introduced Board Members. Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, State and Regional Water Board Staff.

**1. Public Forum**

None

**REPORTS****2. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

Mr. Sandel stated that the Ace Hereford Tour was a wonderful tour.

**3. Executive Officer Report**

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

- a. The next EO Report will report any employee changes, or position changes and vacancies; formal enforcement actions, and any important 401 letters, Underground Storage Tank, and etc.
- b. Ms. Kouyoumdjian introduced Sandra Lopez, as our newest employee to our help our administrative staff in the Victorville Office, as a seasonal clerk.
- c. Victorville Office is moving to their new location that is 50% larger than the last building, and in a better location. Mike and Rebecca took charge with the move.
- d. Updates on the Governor's Executive Order.
- e. Ms. Kouyoumdjian also asked the Board for guidance in an LADWP decision for an emergency request of pesticide use, to use copper sulfate to treat algae in Owens Lake. Board Members discussed their concerns and if LADWP has considered any other form of algae removal besides pesticides. Board Member Dyas asked how would have LADWP approached the situation prior to this emergency request? The Board gave approval for LADWP's emergency request with additional guidelines, suggestions, and to provide future compliance and planning in an appropriate manner.
- f. Discussed meeting with stakeholders to discuss the Marina permit, and a revised Marina Permit to be produced and heard at our June Board Meeting in Bishop.
- g. Redo waiver for Bridgeport Grazing Activities and consider watershed-based monitoring approaches.
- h. Press release on the Peterson Ranch Mitigation Bank.
- i. Updates on the two bankruptcy cases; Briggs Gold Mine, and Molycorp.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Mr. Jardine, to approve the March 2016 Minutes as presented. The motion ***carried*** per the following votes:

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

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

No discussion for Closed Session.

*\*Note: The Board Adjourned for the evening at 8:07 p.m.*

**REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, May 12, 2016 – 8:35 a.m.**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Amy Horne, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on May 12, 2016, and introduced Board Members.

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

6. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Rick Lind and Dr. Lars Anderson, with the Tahoe Keys Property Owner’s Association (TKPOA), gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on TKPOA’s weed management progress and 2016 field activities.

Madonna Dunbar the Executive Officer for Tahoe Water Suppliers Association discussed their efforts on outreach and the urgency to implement studies for weed management plans.

Steve Teshara, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency’s (TRPA), Planning Commission, Chair, wanted to thank the Board for Water Board’s staff Bob Larsen’s participation with the TRPA advisory planning commission..

7. **✗Adoption of Uncontested Calendar**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Mr. Jardine, to approve Item 8 as presented on the uncontested calendar. The motion ***carried*** per the following votes:

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

**WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

8. **✕ Renewed Waiver of Filing a Report of Waste Discharge and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Projects or Discharges Regulated by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

9. **Lake Tahoe Program Overview**

Bob Larsen, Senior Environmental Scientist, presented on the progress of the Lake Tahoe Programs. The presentation included updates on the Lake Tahoe TMDL, Municipal NPDES, Stormwater Permit (and upcoming renewal), and Research and Monitoring.

Veronica Wilson with Caltrans, gave her presentation regarding the Road RAM (Rapid Assessment Method) observations that Caltrans is conducting as required by the Board, which included proposed improvements to provide a better monitoring procedure.

Dr. Horne suggested conducting outreach efforts to the Fire Chief's in the Basin in case of an emergency in regards to the progress of the Lake Tahoe TMDL.

10. **Enforcement Program Update**

Cathe Pool, Senior WRCE, gave the Board an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter violation reports and shared a few sites and their progress with correcting violations, paying penalties and/or future enforcement actions..

Eric Taxer, WRCE, presented his PowerPoint presentation to the Board on Squaw Valley Projects, and how the facility became a steward in becoming compliant. Eric Taxer introduced Catrina Smolen, a third party consultant from Squaw Valley.

Catrina Smolen presented her PowerPoint presentation on the progress of Squaw Valley and showed the Board her contributions and the facility's efforts in the restoration process.

The Board thanked Catrina and Squaw Valley for all of their progress in their restoration efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. on May 12, 2016.

Prepared  
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Management Services Technician/Board Clerk

Date Adopted: May 11, 2016