

*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY MOJAVE RIVER
BENEFICIAL USES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board) will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting at the following time and location:

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Mojave Water Agency Meeting Room
13846 Conference Center Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307**

The proposed Basin Plan Amendment involves adding Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance (BIOL Beneficial Use) and Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE Beneficial Use) to Deep Creek and specific locations along the Mojave River including Camp Cady, Afton Canyon, and the reach of the Mojave River between Bear Valley Road and Helendale. It also includes removing Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD Beneficial Use) for the Mojave River downstream of the Lower Narrows because natural conditions in this portion of the river are not conducive to cold water species.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to seek input from public agencies and members of the public regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and the scope of the environmental assessment. Public comments can be made at the scoping meeting or can be submitted in written form by May 25, 2018 to Jennifer Watts at the contact information provided below.

A quorum of Board members may be present at the meeting, but no action will be taken at that time.

PETER C. PUMPHREY, CHAIR | PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2015 Triennial Review of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region* (Basin Plan), the Lahontan Water Board identified, as a top priority, evaluating potential changes to the beneficial uses assigned to the Mojave River. Lahontan Water Board staff has conducted its evaluation and is recommending the changes referenced, above. More information regarding the Lahontan Water Board's Triennial Review Process is available at the link below:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#triennial

Additional information regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendment will be available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/

This web site will be updated as new documents (e.g., Draft Basin Plan Amendment, Staff Technical Report) are developed and made available for public review.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The meeting room at the Mojave Water Agency is accessible to persons with disabilities. The facility also has public parking and is accessible via public transit.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct any written comments, questions, or concerns regarding the scoping meeting or the Basin Pan Amendment process to Jennifer Watts at (530) 542-5491, or by email to

Jennifer.Watts@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you would like to receive further correspondence related to this project, please subscribe to the "Basin Planning – Mojave River" mailing list at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.html