



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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To Interested Parties:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT STAFF REPORT, "TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR BEDDED SEDIMENT, BLACKWOOD CREEK, PLACER COUNTY" AND DRAFT REGIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Lahontan Region is circulating for public review a draft staff report titled "Total Maximum Daily Load For Bedded Sediment, Blackwood Creek, Placer County." The report is available on the Water Board's Internet web site, <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>.

The draft report includes a description of bedded sediment impacts in Blackwood Creek, numeric targets to interpret narrative water quality objectives related to sedimentation, an analysis of the primary bedded sediment sources in the watershed, an estimate of the loading capacity for sediment in the creek, and estimates reductions in sediment loading needed in order to achieve the TMDL. It also includes a description of the implementation measures completed and proposed by the United States Forest Service (USFS), and describes why staff believes there is reasonable assurance of implementation by the USFS. The report also describes the USFS' proposed monitoring program and provisions for TMDL review, revision, and attainment.

The public review period for the draft documents will extend through **September 17, 2007**. Written comments should be directed to the attention of Tom Gavigan, and should be received at the Regional Board's South Lake Tahoe office by 5:00 pm on September 17, 2007. Comments may be mailed the address above, faxed to (530) 542-5470, or emailed to Tgavigan@waterboards.ca.gov. The Board will also take public testimony at a public hearing to be held at its October 10-11, 2007 board meeting at the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency, 13720 Joerger Drive in Truckee. The time of the meeting will be announced on the Regional Board's Internet web page no less than ten days before the meeting. Questions about the draft documents or the resolution process should be directed to Mr. Gavigan at (530) 542-5429 or via email to the address above. *Please see the enclosed Notice of Public hearing for Further information.*

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California Environmental Protection Agency

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the Matter of a Proposed Total Maximum Daily Load
for Sediment for Blackwood Creek, Placer County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for sediment for Blackwood Creek. The proposed TMDL recognizes the restoration plan of the United States Forest Service for Blackwood Creek as a program that will achieve the TMDL and restore the beneficial uses of the creek. The TMDL includes a description of the sediment impacts in Blackwood Creek, numeric targets to interpret narrative water quality objectives related to sedimentation, an analysis of the primary sediment source, an estimate of the loading capacity for sediment in the creek, and estimates the reduction in sediment needed in order to achieve the TMDL. The implementation plan describes the general nature of actions needed such that beneficial uses will be protected and water quality standards will be met. A schedule of monitoring requirements along with provisions for review and revision of the TMDL are included.

The public hearing will begin as follows:

DATE: October 10 and 11, 2007

TIME: During the Lahontan Water Board's regular meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, October 10 and 11, 2007. The time of the meeting has not been determined at this time. Information on the time of the meeting and which day the hearing for this item will be held will be available on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan> no less than 10 days before the meeting.

PLACE: Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency
13720 Joerger Drive
Truckee, CA 96161

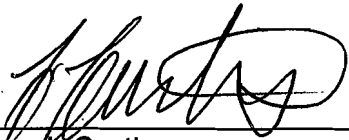
An agenda announcement with additional information on the timing of the hearing within the meeting will be available in late September on the Lahontan Water Board's web page. Paper copies may be requested by contacting Board staff.

The meeting room will be accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414 by October 1. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

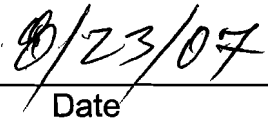
At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Lahontan Water Board will consider a resolution adopting the TMDL and certifying that the United States Forest Service restoration plan will achieve the TMDL.

The public review period for the proposed TMDL and resolution will extend from August 24, 2007 to September 17, 2007. Written comments or questions on the amendments and environmental document should be directed to the attention of Tom Gavigan at the address below or via email to tgavigan@waterboards.ca.gov. Mr. Gavigan's telephone number is (530) 542-5429.

The draft TMDL will be available on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan>. Copies of the document may be obtained by calling (530) 542-5400 or may be examined and photocopied on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Lahontan Water Board's office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.



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