

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2018  
TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION**

The Triennial Review of The Water Quality Control Plan for The Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) is sometimes referred to as the “triennial” review because federal law requires a review of water quality standards every three years. The Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses of surface and ground waters, establishes water quality standards for protecting the beneficial uses, and describes implementation programs for achieving water quality standards. The Basin Plan covers all watersheds located in the Lahontan Region, including eastern California from the Oregon border to the northern Mojave Desert, east of the Sierra Nevada crest.

The purpose of the Triennial Review is to identify and prioritize key Basin Plan issues that will guide Basin Planning efforts for the following three years. The result of the review is a list of priority projects to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments.

The public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed Resolution and a prioritized list of basin planning projects for the 2018 Triennial Review will be held during the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region’s (Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

<b>DATES:</b>	<b>November 14-15, 2018</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. on 11/14 &amp; 8:30 a.m. on 11/15</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	Mojave Water Agency 13846 Conference Center Drive Apple Valley, CA 92307

Final dates and approximate times will be identified in the Water Board’s agenda for each meeting, which are posted on the Water Board’s web site at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan), a minimum of 10 days prior to each meeting. Meeting rooms will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations or have special language needs are requested to contact Katrina Fleshman at (530) 542-5414 ([Katrina.Fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katrina.Fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov)) at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TTD/Speech to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Water Board held two public workshops at the July and September 2018 Board meetings to provide information and to hear comments. Written comments on a draft list of issues provided by Water Board staff, or on other suggestions for revisions to the Basin Plan, were invited during a 102-day comment period, from June 4, 2018 to September 14, 2018. On August 24, 2018, Water Board staff released a [draft prioritized list of proposed projects](#) and extended the comment period to September 24, 2018, for a total comment period of 112 days. The proposed projects included: Revise Water Quality Objectives for Bacteria, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy Implementation, Source Water Protection, Riparian Protection Policy, Mojave River Surface Water Beneficial Use Revisions, Site Specific Objectives for Mojave Ground Water Sub-basins, Remove the Prohibition on New Pier Construction in Fish Spawning Habitat at Lake Tahoe, Tribal Beneficial Uses, Evaluate New or Revised Clean Water Act Section 304(a) Recommended Criteria for Incorporation into the Basin Plan as Water Quality Objectives, Deposited/ embedded sediment standard for the Middle Truckee River, and other projects that can be reviewed in the [minutes and materials available for Item 3 of the September Board meeting](#).

The Water Board will prepare a response to comments document to address written comments received by September 24, 2018. The comments received will be considered in the development of an updated staff report and prioritized list, and a proposed Resolution that will be presented to the Water Board to consider for adoption at the public hearing.

The Water Board will have the options of (1) adopting staff's recommendations unchanged, (2) adopting staff recommendations with revisions, or (3) directing staff to make substantial revisions and return before the Water Board at a later date. Adoption of the Triennial Review List does not mean that the Water Board will adopt any proposed Basin Plan amendment identified on the Triennial Review List. Such Basin Plan amendments will proceed through a separate development and evaluation process, including future public hearings and opportunities for the public and others to provide comments.

The public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments during the November hearing.

## **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Documents relevant to the hearing and links to information on the Triennial Review will be available 30 days prior the hearing at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/#triennial](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#triennial)

## **INTERESTED PERSONS LIST**

Persons wishing to subscribe to the Water Board's electronic mailing list regarding the Triennial Review can do so through the Water Board's website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of the following webpage:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg6\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.html).

Check the box titled "Basin Plan - Triennial Review."

## **STAFF CONTACT**

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