

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

**RESOLUTION R6T-2014-0001**

**In Honor of the Service of**

**Jack Clarke**

**As a Member of the Lahontan Water Board**

**WHEREAS**, Jack Clarke was a valued leader, mentor, co-worker and wonderful friend to many during his 17 years serving as a Lahontan Water Board Member from 1996 to 2013;

**WHEREAS**, Jack understood the challenge for small or disadvantaged dischargers to comply with the Water Board's regulations, yet he recognized the need to protect water, our most precious resource. As a result, Jack encouraged Lahontan Water Board staff to work with dischargers to find a reasonable path forward to achieve water quality protection. Improvements to wastewater treatment plant operation and disposal practices, especially in the southern Lahontan Region, resulted from his strong leadership, practical approach, and deep desire to protect ground water for current and future generations;

**WHEREAS**, Jack had a special gift of being a problem solver capable of respectfully communicating with everyone, whether it was a corporate executive, small business owner, professional consultant, environmental activist, or a parent concerned about the safety of their child's drinking water;

**WHEREAS**, Jack focused his attention on resolving the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 (Palmdale) groundwater nitrate problem. In the 1990's, Palmdale had rapid population growth resulting in nitrate polluted groundwater from its wastewater discharges. Jack attended monthly public meetings to discuss and plan treatment plant improvements to remove nitrogen and reuse the treated wastewater to prevent pollution. His participation resulted in Lahontan Water Board adopted enforcement orders that incentivized the District to complete treatment plant upgrades providing the community with reliable and effective means to treat and reuse its wastewater, even as more growth occurs;

**WHEREAS**, Jack provided clear direction to Lahontan Water Board staff concerning spill response and pollution cleanup at the Molycorp Mountain Pass Mine. In the late 1990s Jack's leadership as Water Board Chairman was instrumental to staff addressing historical wastewater spills there. Soon after the releases were discovered in 1997, the Lahontan Water Board participated in a 2-year, multi-agency Incident Command response to clean up areas near the Mojave National Preserve. Jack supported staff's efforts, acknowledging the complexity of these types of problems and the need to focus limited staff resources to produce the most effective outcomes;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Lahontan Water Board and its staff express their sincere condolences to Jack's family and friends and hereby recognize and appreciate Jack's outstanding contributions and dedication to the Lahontan Region.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lahontan Water Board, on January 8, 2014.

  
PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER