

## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date Distributed: April 21, 2016

### MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 1 p.m.**

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

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

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

**Regular Meeting:**

**7 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**Regular Meeting:**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Note:** A quorum of the Water Board may be dining on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at Scusa Italian Ristorante, 2543 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. The Water Board will not be discussing anything related to the Board's authority during this dinner.

### **Supporting Documents:**

Supporting documents for agenda items are posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting. If you wish to be added to the interested parties list for a specific agenda item, please contact the staff person listed with the item in the agenda announcement. To view or download documents, go to [www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan). (See note below for information on the timing for submitting comments.)

### **Submittal of Written Material for Water Board Consideration:**

Comments on individual items are welcome and encouraged. Written comments on an agenda item must be submitted on or before the due date listed in the hearing notice associated with the agenda item. Hearing notices are distributed to persons who have indicated they want to receive information about a specific item and are posted on the Water Board's web site [www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan). For items that do not have a separate hearing notice with specific due dates, written comments must be submitted at least ten (10) days before the meeting. This allows time to distribute the material to Water Board members

in advance of the meeting, providing the opportunity for the members to read and consider the information submitted. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 648.4, the Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of the written testimony, the Water Board may refuse to admit it. A copy of the procedures governing Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

The meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Sue Genera at least five days prior to the meeting date at (530) 542-5414 or [amber.wike@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amber.wike@waterboards.ca.gov). TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

### **General Meeting Information:**

The following items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order. Public hearings will not be called to order prior to the time specified. It is likely that some of the items scheduled for Wednesday afternoon will carry over into the evening session. If, due to time constraints, the Water Board is unable to consider all of the items scheduled for Wednesday, the item(s) not heard will be considered on Thursday. All Board files, exhibits, and agenda materials pertaining to items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record for the appropriate item.

Anyone wishing to present a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation during the meeting, using the Water Board's projector, must provide the presentation to the Water Board on either a CD or via email at least ten working days prior to the meeting. Please contact the staff person listed for the agenda item of interest.

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

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

**Tour Description:** The Board (and members of the public) will visit 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 will be hosted by the Alpine Watershed Group.

Those interested in attending the tour must RSVP to [amber.wike@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amber.wike@waterboards.ca.gov) or (530) 542-5414 by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Please leave your name and contact number so that we can confirm your reservation.

The tour will be held weather permitting, and is subject to cancellation based on unforeseen circumstances.

**What to Wear:** The tour will be conducted by foot on uneven terrain and include moderate walking. Please wear appropriate foot attire to walk through potentially wet pastures. A coat or sweater is advisable as weather may change.

**Where to Meet:** Woodfords Station. From South Lake Tahoe, take HWY 50 towards Meyers and turn left on HWY 89. At Picketts Junction in Hope Valley, turn left on HWY 88 and continue to Woodfords. At Woodfords, turn left at Old Pony Express Way (frontage road) and park near Woodfords Station. Please avoid parking directly in front of or across from the building in order to allow for customer parking. Woodfords Station is located at 290 Old Pony Express Way, Markleeville, CA 96120. Meet promptly at 1PM for a short carpool to the site.

A quorum of the Water Board may be present during this tour but will not be discussing anything related to the Board's authority.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Any person may address the Water Board regarding a matter within the Water Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. Comments will generally be limited to five minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should request an extension from the Executive Officer at least ten days prior to the meeting. Comments regarding matters that are under development for future meetings or not within the Water Board's regulatory authority will be restricted. (See: <[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board\\_info/agenda/upcoming.shtml#top](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/upcoming.shtml#top)>.)

**REPORTS**

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

3. **Executive Officer's Report** (The Water Board will not be asked to take any formal action; however, it may provide direction to staff.) (Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer)
- Executive Officer's Report
  - Standing Items
  - Notification of Spills (Pursuant to Water Code section 13271, and Health and Safety Code section 25180.7)
  - Notification of Closure of Underground Storage Tank Cases (Pursuant to Article 11, Division 3, Chapter 16, title 23, California Code of Regulations)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

4. **Minutes** (The Water Board will consider adopting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9-10, 2016, in South Lake Tahoe, CA) (Sue Genera)
5. **CLOSED SESSION\*\***
- a. **Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(B)(i).**
  - b. **Discussion to Decide Whether to Initiate Litigation. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(C)(i).**
  - c. **To deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon evidence introduced in a hearing. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).**

\*\* At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon the evidence introduced in the hearing. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (a), (c), (3) and (e).

- d. Discussion of Litigation: People of the State of California ex rel. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region v. Thomas E. Erickson et al., El Dorado Superior Court Case No. SC20010089. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- e. Discussion of Litigation: Robert and Olga Richards v. John Izbicki et al, US District Court for the District of Nevada, 2:16cv346. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- f. Discussion of Litigation: Shirley Holcroft v. John Izbicki et al, US District Court fo the District of Arizona. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- g. Discussion of Litigation: In re Molycorp, Inc., et al., Debtors, Chapter 11, Case No. 15-11357 (CSS), United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware.
- h. Discussion of Litigation: In re Atna Resources, et al., Debtors, Chapter 11, Case No. 15-22848, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Colorado.

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**INTRODUCTIONS**

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7. **ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Items denoted by (✖) are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Water Board will act on these items at one time without discussion. If any Water Board member, staff member, or interested party requests discussion, the item will be removed from the Uncontested Calendar to be considered separately. Requests to have an item removed from the uncontested calendar can be made in advance of the meeting by writing to the Water Board or by calling the Water Board's Executive Officer, or the request can be made to the Water Board at the meeting on the Wednesday before the vote on the Uncontested Calendar.

**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** (The Water Board will consider renewing the existing Waiver consistent with the established Memorandum of Understanding with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency) (Robert Larsen)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

9. **Lake Tahoe Program Overview** (Water Board staff will provide a Lake Tahoe TMDL and nearshore status report, an update on the Municipal NPDES Stormwater Permit for runoff discharges in the Lake Tahoe Basin, a summary of water quality research and monitoring activities, and describe coordination with partner agencies. The Water Board will not be asked to take any formal action, but may provide direction to staff.) (Robert Larsen)
10. **Enforcement Program Update** (The Board will hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter violation report from staff. In addition, the Board will hear an update on the compliance status of the Squaw Valley Ski Resort since the completion of the Consent Agreement. The update will include a discussion on Squaw Valley Ski Resort's continued and future environmental stewardship efforts.) (Scott Ferguson, Eric J. Taxer)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Any person aggrieved by an action of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region that is subject to review as set forth in Water Code section 13320, subdivision (a), may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action. Any petition must be made in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date the action was taken, except that if the thirtieth day following the date the action was taken falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulation applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

**Note:** A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act may be obtained by calling:

Northern Lahontan Basin:

Tobi Tyler in South Lake Tahoe at (530) 542-5435, [tobi.tyler@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tobi.tyler@waterboards.ca.gov)

Southern Lahontan Basin:

Patrice Copeland and Jan Zimmerman, in Victorville at (760) 241-6583, [patrice.copeland@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:patrice.copeland@waterboards.ca.gov) or [jan.zimmerman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jan.zimmerman@waterboards.ca.gov)

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, has a home page that can be accessed on the Internet, at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan>

The Lahontan Water Board will be considering many items during this meeting which may result in Board action or direction to staff. We encourage input from all people interested in a given item or issue, so that when we act, our decision is based on all available information. Although an oath is not administered in most of the proceedings before this Board, **we expect all statements made before this Board to be truthful with no attempts to mislead this Board by false statements, deceptive presentation or failure to include essential information.**

The Board encourages all people in or near a Board meeting to refrain from engaging in inappropriate conduct. Inappropriate conduct may include disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior, breach of peace, boisterous conduct, violent disturbance or other unlawful interference in the Board's proceedings. Such conduct could subject you to contempt sanctions by the superior court (Gov. Code § 11455.10).

The Board Chairperson may impose sanctions, including reasonable expenses and attorney's fees, on any party for bad faith actions, frivolous tactics or actions intended to cause unnecessary delay by a party or the party's attorney or representative (Gov. Code § 11455.30).

### LAHONTAN WATER BOARD MEMBERS

California Water Code Section 13201 provides for the Governor to appoint seven members to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Each member shall reside or have a principal place of business within the region. Appointments are subject to confirmation by the state Senate.

Name	From	Term Expires
Amy Horne, PhD, Chair	Truckee	9/30/18
Peter C. Pumphrey, Vice Chair	Bishop	9/30/19
Kimberly Cox	Helendale	9/30/18
Keith Dyas	Rosamond	9/30/16
Don Jardine	Markleeville	9/30/19
Eric Sandel	Truckee	9/30/17
Vacant		9/30/17

### LAHONTAN WATER BOARD STAFF

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian Executive Officer	Lauri Kemper Assistant Executive Officer and Ombudsman	Kimberly Niemeyer Counsel to the Board	Amber Wike Acting Executive Assistant
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South Lake Tahoe Office:

- Scott Ferguson, Manager, Regulatory Compliance Division
- Cathe Pool, Chief, Enforcement & Special Projects Unit
- Alan Miller, Chief, North Basin Regulatory Unit
  
- Doug Smith, Manager, Planning and Restoration Division
- Daniel Sussman, Chief, TMDL/Basin Planning Unit
- Douglas Cushman, Chief, Non-Point Source Unit
- Tom Gavigan, Chief, North Basin Cleanup and Site Investigation Unit

Victorville Office:

- Mike Plaziak, Manager, Southern Lahontan Watersheds Division
- Patrice Copeland, Chief, Land Disposal Unit
- Jehiel Cass, Chief, South Basin Regulatory Unit
- Cindi Mitton, Chief, South Basin Cleanup and Site Investigation Unit

The primary responsibility of the Water Board is to protect the quality of the surface and groundwater within the Region for beneficial uses. The duty is carried out by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water bodies; by prescribing and enforcing requirements on domestic and industrial waste dischargers, and by requiring cleanup of water contamination and pollution. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Board are outlined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Regular meetings of the Water Board are normally held on the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Meeting locations vary but generally alternate between the north and south basins of the region.

Recordings are made of each Water Board meeting and are retained on the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>.

NOTESA. SEQUENCE OF AGENDA ITEMS

The items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order.

B. AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA MATERIAL

Details concerning these agenda items are available for public reference during working hours at the Board's offices. Copies of individual agenda items may be obtained at the Board's offices after 8:00 a.m. on the Friday, twelve days preceding the Board meeting. The staff will assist in answering questions.

C. UNCONTESTED ITEMS CALENDAR

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D. PETITION OF REGIONAL BOARD ACTION

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E. HEARING RECORD EXHIBITS

Material presented to the Board as part of the testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Board. This includes photographs, slides, chart, diagrams, etc.

F. CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit before the Lahontan Water Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contributions of \$250 or more to be used in a federal, state, or local election, made by the action supporter or opponent, or his or her agent, within the last 12 months to any Water Board member. All permit applicants and all persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit pending before the Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Board member for three months following a Water Board decision on the permit application.

G. ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION

At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon evidence introduced in the hearing. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (a), (c)(3) and (e).