
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES

August 28, 2025

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)
conducted this meeting at the location shown below:

Lahontan Water Board Annex, Hearing Room,

971 Silver Dollar Avenue,
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

AND

Field Tour

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Water Board Members

Kimberly Cox, Ph.D., Helendale (Absent)	Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Rick Dever, Crestline	Jeff Loux, Ph.D., Truckee
Robert Pearce, Ph.D., Chalfant	

State Water Board

Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel	Nichole Morgan, Lahontan Board Liaison
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Water Board Staff

Ben Letton, Executive Officer	Jan Zimmerman, Supv. Engineering Geologist
Timothy Middlemis-Clark, Supv. WRC Engineer	Mary Fiore-Wagner, Environ. Prog. Manager I
Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist	Lorien Sanders, Engineering Geologist
Eli Balderas, Environmental Scientist	Shelby Barker, Sr. Engineering Geologist
Ariel Lafarga, Board Clerk	Jasmine Enerson, Asst. Board Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Water Board Acting Chair, Dr. Robert Pearce, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Acting Board Chair announced that the former Water Board Chair, Essra Mostafavi resigned. The Acting Board Chair introduced the Water Board Members, and the Water Board staff, and discussed procedures for in-person and video and teleconference meetings.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

No public speakers.

2. MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Member Dr. Horne, seconded by Member Dever, to approve July 9-10, 2025, meeting Minutes as presented. Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce called for a roll call vote and the motion carried by the following votes:

Acting Board Chair Dr. Pearce	Aye
Member Dr. Cox	Absent
Member Dr. Horne	Aye
Member Dever	Aye
Member Dr. Loux	Aye

[View the adopted July 9-10, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

3. REPORTS BY WATER BOARD CHAIR AND WATER BOARD MEMBERS

Water Board staff, Nichole Morgan, State Board Liaison, discussed the following items: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), Delta Conveyance Project, Water Measurement and Reporting Regulation (SB 88), Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and ELAP Fees Stakeholder Process, SAFER Advisory Group Applications, Tribal Affairs Program, and Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan.

4. UPDATE ON RESULTS OF TAHOE KEYS LAGOONS AQUATIC WEED CONTROL METHODS TEST

Water Board staff, Timothy Middlemis-Clark, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, for the Regulatory and Cleanup Division presented a project timeline on the control methods test in the Tahoe Keys.

Dennis Zabaglo, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager, presented context of the Tahoe keys within the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) problems, partnership and purpose of the CMT (Control Methods Test) and design of CMT.

Peter Grant, Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association, introduced Dr. Lars Anderson.

Dr. Lars Anderson, Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association, Science Consultant, presented findings, path forward and potential combinations of treatment methods.

Dennis Zabaglo, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager, presented soundness of findings, next steps, and tour preview.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Patten, Natural Resource Director of League to Save Tahoe

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board member, Dr. Loux, asked how the UV lights work, how expensive it would be to expand the UV lights, and potential for a robotic solution. Dr. Lars responded that an array of UV lights are placed on a grid which is dropped down to irradiate the plants. Dr. Lars responded that expanding the UV lights grid would be a huge cost. Dr. Lars responded that a robotic solution could be a possibility, however, that it would not be easy.

Water Board member, Rick Dever, asked Dr. Lars how he decided on the areas to test in the Tahoe keys. Dr. Lars responded it was based on replication of treatments, similar distribution of species in different areas and hotspot areas.

Water Board member, Rick Dever, asked Dr. Lars is the near shore UV a problem because the docks are in the way. Dr. Lars responded that is part of the problem also the shallowness and materials at the bottom often block the UV light.

Water Board member, Dr. Horne, asked Dr. Lars in California, are endothall and tricopyr used in reservoirs supplying municipal or drinking water supplies. Dr. Lars responded yes, they are.

WATER BOARD TOOK A BREAK FROM 11:08 AM TO 11:20 AM

5. RACIAL EQUITY RESOLUTION: 1-YEAR UPDATE

Water Board staff, Lorien Sanders, Engineering Geologist, Molina Hauv, Engineering Geologist and Eli Balderas, Environmental Scientist presented on activities completed and planned since the board adopted Resolution No. R6-2024-0036 Condemning Racism, Xenophobia, Bigotry, and Racial Injustice and Strengthening Commitment to Racial Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access, and Anti-Racism in the Lahontan Region. The update discussed the efforts of the Racial Equity Working Group on education, outreach, and the development of the initial draft action plan for 2026-2031.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marty Meeden, representing self

Cheyenne Stone, Paiute/Washoe

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

Water Board member, Dr. Loux, expressed that personal contact approach is critical, prioritizing based on environmental screening risks is great, going to existing

established events and social media would be great for public outreach. Dr. Loux also expressed his concern about the 90-day comment period being too short.

Water Board member, Dr. Horne, expressed concern regarding outreach to places within the region that are remote. Dr. Horne asked Marty Meeden whether this is the right time to do this outreach since the target audience may not want to call attention to themselves for various reasons. Mr. Meeden responded he does not think this outreach is being done in bad timing. He expressed that things are happening within the country; tribes and other communities are reluctant to act unless there is a problem.

Water Board member, Acting Chair, Dr. Robert Pearce, expressed that staff should work with tribal liaisons through National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Water Board staff, Ben Letton, Executive Officer, provided an update to the Water Board and public on key actions and activities in the Lahontan region, including the items below.

- a. Personnel Report
- b. June EO Report Articles
- c. June EO Standing Article

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speakers.

COMMENTS BY WATER BOARD

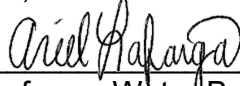
Water Board member, Dr. Horne, asked what year Lahontan started requiring water replacement for the residents of Barstow. Jan Zimmerman Supervising Engineering Geologist responded in 2007. Dr. Horne, also expressed the importance for Board members to attend the Lake Tahoe Summit in person if able.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Water Board members did not enter Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m. on August 28, 2025.

Prepared by:  Adopted: November 5, 2025
Ariel Lafarga, Water Board Clerk

TOUR: Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Tahoe Keys Field Tour. Less than a quorum of the Water Board toured sites in and around Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association (TKPOA) in South Lake Tahoe, CA, discussing aquatic weed control and implementation of the TKPOA Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test.