

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**REMOVAL OF MUNICIPAL SUPPLY BENEFICIAL USE
FROM GROUND WATERS LOCATED BENEATH THE NAVAL AIR WEAPONS
STATION, CHINA LAKE, CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a public meeting to receive input on proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, including beneficial use designations, and control measures for surface and ground waters within watersheds east of the Sierra Nevada crest and in the northern Mojave Desert.

The proposed amendments would remove the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use designation from ground waters located in the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake (NAWS China Lake). The ground waters affected are those located beneath a portion of the Salt Wells Valley (SWV) and the shallow groundwater in the eastern Indian Wells Valley (IWV) basins. Both of these valleys are located predominantly within the boundaries of the NAWS China Lake. Removal of the MUN use for the SWV and IWV ground water basins must be justified under exception criteria specified in the State's "[Sources of Drinking Water Policy](#)."

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to seek input from public agencies and members of the public on these proposed Basin Plan amendments and the scope of the environmental assessment.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the meeting.

DATE: May 9, 2013

TIME: 4:30 – 6:30 PM

PLACE: Indian Wells Valley Water District
500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

The meeting room will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations or have special language needs are requested to contact Sue Genera at (530) 542-5414 or sgenera@waterboards.ca.gov at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TTD/Speech to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

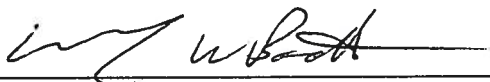
Who should attend: Public and private land owners, local, state, and federal, environmental groups, and water management agencies, and other groups or individuals interested in this project.

Public comments are invited on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and the scope of the environmental assessment during the May 9, 2013 public meeting, and written comments must be received by **5 p.m. on June 10, 2013.**

Staff will review all written scoping comments and anticipate completing a proposed Basin Plan Amendment, which will include a draft staff report and an environmental document for public review and comment. Water Board staff expect to bring the proposed Basin Plan amendment and an environmental document to the Water Board for adoption/certification no earlier than October 2013.

If you would like to receive further correspondence related to this project, please register your name and email and check the box for "Basin Planning – China Lake" at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.shtml.

Comments and questions should be directed to Mary Fiore-Wagner at the address or fax number above, or emailed to MFWagner@waterboards.ca.gov. Mary Fiore-Wagner's telephone number is (530) 542-5425.



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Date