

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Concerning
County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Nos. 14 and 20**

The Lahontan Water Board prosecution team staff will hold two identical workshops to describe a settlement it has reached with County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Districts Nos. 14 and 20. The settlement, if ratified by the Lahontan Water Board, would resolve petitions for Writ of Mandate filed by the two Districts in Superior Court and claims for penalties that the Lahontan Water Board has against the Districts for violations of Board orders.

The petitions for writ of mandate challenged two cease and desist orders adopted by the Lahontan Water Board in 2004 requiring the Districts to take actions to eliminate violations and threatened violations of waste discharge requirements according to specified compliance schedules. The proposed settlement includes the amendment of the compliance schedules in the orders subject to the petitions.

Additionally, the settlement includes a proposed administrative civil liability assessment of \$4 million that will be paid by the Districts in exchange for a full and final release of all existing claims for liability for violations of waste discharge requirements, cease and desist orders and cleanup and abatement order. A major portion (\$3.8 million) of the assessment will be committed to the Antelope Valley Recycled Water Project, a supplemental environmental project. This project will link water reclamation facilities with recycled water end users

At this workshop, the Lahontan Water Board prosecution team will describe the various proposed orders and the supplemental environmental project and answer questions. Copies of the settlement and proposed orders can be obtained either by calling the Lahontan Water Board offices listed above or on the web at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/acl_23feb07.html.

The workshops will be held at:

Where: Palmdale Water District
2029 East Avenue Q
Palmdale, CA 93550

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2007
Either 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
These will be identical workshops

The Lahontan Water Board opened a hearing to consider adoption of these three orders on March 14, 2007. It continued the hearing to its May 23-24, 2007 meeting. The Lahontan Water Board members will not be attending this workshop. Written comments on the proposed orders must be submitted to the Lahontan Water Board by Friday, April 13, 2007.