



Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025 REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION

April 3, 2025

REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION (BASIN PLAN). The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is commencing the triennial, or periodic, review of the Basin Plan. Triennial, or periodic, review is conducted in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and its implementing regulations, and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.). The Lahontan Water Board will be conducting its triennial review and its periodic reviews in a single combined proceeding and be referred together as “triennial review” for ease of reference. The Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses of surface and ground waters, establishes water quality standards for protecting the beneficial uses, and describes implementation programs for achieving water quality standards. The Basin Plan covers all watersheds located in the Lahontan Region, including eastern California from the Oregon border to the northern Mojave Desert, east of the Sierra Nevada crest.

The purpose of the Triennial Review is to review the Basin Plan, water quality standards, and other provisions, and to identify and prioritize key Basin Plan issues that will guide Basin Planning efforts for the following three years. The result of the review is a list of priority projects to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is seeking written public comments on the draft 2025 Triennial Review staff report. The draft Triennial Review staff report includes descriptions of issues considered and assigns a priority for allocating resources.

The draft Triennial Review Staff Report can be found on the Lahontan Water Board website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/

Written comments must be submitted by May 5, at 12:00 p.m. Please email your written comments to Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov and include “Triennial Review Comments” in the subject line. You may also mail your comments to:

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Daniel Sussman
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a hearing and consider adoption of a prioritized list of projects and to conclude the 2025 Triennial Review. The hearing and adoption meeting will be held during the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region's (Lahontan Water Board) meeting at the following date, time and location:

Thursday, July 9, 2025, 1:00 P.M.
at Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds
475 Sierra Street,
Bishop, CA 93514
and via Video and Teleconference

Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option to participate from a remote location.

- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: [Remotely Participating in Lahontan Water Board Meetings](#).

The agenda for the July 9, 2025, Lahontan Water Board meeting and instructions for participating in the Board Meeting will be posted no less than ten days prior to the Board Meeting at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2025_schedule.html.

Meeting rooms will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations or have special language needs are requested to contact Katrina Fleshman at (530) 542-5414 or Katrina.Fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TTD/Speech to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Anyone having questions about the hearing should contact the Board Clerk, Katrina Fleshman at RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov or by contacting her directly at (530) 542-5414.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Documents relevant to the hearing and links to information on the Triennial Review will be available 30 days prior the hearing at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#triennial

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Lahontan Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the 2025 Triennial Review, including the Prioritized List, proposed resolution and Staff Report, at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed resolution completing the 2025 Triennial Review and the Prioritized List.

The Lahontan Water Board will have the options of (1) adopting staff's recommendations unchanged, (2) adopting staff recommendations with revisions, or (3) directing staff to make substantial revisions and return before the Lahontan Water Board at a later date. Adoption of the Triennial Review List does not mean that the Lahontan Water Board will adopt any proposed Basin Plan amendments identified on the Triennial Review subscribe List. Such Basin Plan amendments will proceed through a separate development and evaluation process, including future public hearings and opportunities for the public and other stakeholders to provide comments.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649, et seq.

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Hearings before the Lahontan Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

INTERESTED PERSONS LIST

Persons wishing to subscribe to the Lahontan Water Board's electronic mailing list regarding the Triennial Review can do so through the Lahontan Water Board's website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of the following webpage:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.html.

Check the box titled "Basin Plan - Triennial Review."

STAFF CONTACT

Please direct questions about this notice or the Basin Plan Triennial Review to Mr. Daniel Sussman at (530) 542-5466 or daniel.sussman@waterboards.ca.gov.