
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 26, 2015

Additional Time: Proposed Cleanup and Abatement Order requiring Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to cleanup discharges of chromium to groundwaters in Hinkley

I would like to thank the Hinkley community and the parties for participating in the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) public workshop on May 28, 2015. Members of the Water Board, its advisory and prosecution teams, PG&E, the Independent Review Program manager, and members of the Hinkley community discussed six key policy issues where there was significant difference between the parties. The Water Board appreciates all of the good ideas and suggestions offered by all the participants at the Workshop.

At the public workshop, the Water Board encouraged parties to work together and develop alternative language for the Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) in consensus with other interested parties. A deadline of June 19, 2015 was provided. Since that time, the Water Board prosecution team has met with PG&E and reports that they have made progress in resolving some points of disagreement. Additional time was requested by the parties to prepare consensus language for the Water Board's consideration in the final CAO.

In consultation with the Water Board Chair, Kimberly Cox, I have agreed to provide until July 8, 2015 for parties to submit consensus language for the Water Board's consideration. This is not an additional comment period on the draft CAO, but rather an opportunity to work out issues in collaboration. The Water Board's advisors will provide a revised draft for the public's consideration in August, and a workshop on the new draft will be held at the September Board meeting in Barstow. After a comment period on the new draft CAO, the Water Board will plan to consider adoption of a final CAO at its November board meeting, which will also be held in Barstow. A final schedule, including the comment period on the revised draft, will be released with the revised draft in August.

Information regarding the proposed CAO can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/projects/pge/cao/index.shtml

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