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Public Comment  
Lahontan Basin Plan Amendment  
Deadline: 5/30/14 by 12:00 noon



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor

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State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000



Attention: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

**Subject: Comment Letter – Lahontan Basin Plan Amendments**

On May 14, 2014, Sandi Tenney, Lassen District Associate Sanitary Engineer, Department of Public Health (Department), Drinking Water Field Operations Branch, received an electronic copy of a “Notice of Opportunity to Comment” (Notice) for proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Plan). The Notice was provided by Ken Fischer, North Tahoe PUD, along with an electronic copy of “Spoken Comment for TWSA” presented by Madonna Dunbar, Executive Director of the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association (TWSA). Lake Tahoe is a source of domestic water for at least 14 public water systems, the 12 members of the TWSA as well as Agate Bay Water Company and Fulton Water Company.

The Plan was reviewed by Michael Burgess, Lassen District Staff Engineer. Based on Mr. Burgess’ review of the Plan, the Department has the following comments:

1. Only herbicides registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for use in drinking water reservoirs should be used for direct application to Lake Tahoe.
2. Any herbicide used should be applied in accordance with the full product label as registered by the USEPA.
3. At least all California-regulated public water systems with surface water intakes on Lake Tahoe should be informed of the application at least 15 days prior to its use.

4. It is requested that the Department's Lassen District Office should be notified at the address below at least 15 days prior to any direct application of herbicide to Lake Tahoe.

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5. The notification to the water systems and the Department's field office should include the chemical applied, the expected date(s) of application, the amount of chemical applied, method of application, and localized concentration of the chemical at the time of application.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Michael J. McNamara or myself at (530)224-4800.



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cc: Madonna Dunbar, TWSA Executive Director  
Ken Fischer, Lead Water Quality Control Technician, North Tahoe PUD