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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH: (1) AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE LAKE TAHOE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD ADDRESSING PHOSPHORUS, NITROGEN, AND FINE SEDIMENT PARTICLE IMPAIRMENTS IN LAKE TAHOE; AND (2) AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN AND RELATED CHANGES TO THE BASIN PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of an amendment to the Basin Plan that would establish: (1) an action plan for the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) addressing fine sediment particle, nitrogen, and phosphorus impairments in Lake Tahoe; and (2) an implementation plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin, including specific changes in the Basin Plan to be consistent with the Lake Tahoe TMDLs. The amendment is available on the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Lahontan Water Board's) Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/tmdl/lake_tahoe/index.shtml#bpap.

The amendment was adopted by the Lahontan Water Board on November 16, 2010. The amendment can also be received via mail by contacting Doug Smith at (530) 542-5453. The State Water Board will separately publish the agenda item, draft resolution and a notice of the meeting at which it will consider the proposed approval of the amendment.

Comment letters to the State Water Board **must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 18, 2011.** After the deadline, staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted. Please send comments on the proposed State Water Board approval of the amendment to: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email at (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (if **less than 15 megabytes in size or less**), (916) 341-5620 (fax), or by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Lake Tahoe TMDL.**"

Incorporation of Comments by Reference: Comments must specifically address the version of the amendment that is currently being considered by approval by the State Water Board. If similar or identical comments were submitted to the Lahontan Water Board, the commenter must explain why and in what manner each of the responses provided by the Lahontan Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect. If the comment does not include such an explanation, the State Water Board will presume that the Lahontan Water Board's response adequately addressed the commenter's concern.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Please direct questions about this notice to Doug Smith, Supervising Engineering Geologist at Lahontan Water Board South Lake Tahoe, at (530) 542-5453 or dfsmith@waterboards.ca.gov or Kim M. Niemeyer, Senior Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5547 or kniemeyer@waterboards.ca.gov.

February 15, 2011

Date



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Clerk to the Board