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## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 16, 2023

**\*\*\*\*NOTIFICATION\*\*\*\***

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**LAHONTAN REGION**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

**ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN**

**FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION**

**TO REMOVE THE REGIONWIDE BACTERIA WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE AND  
INSERT DISCUSSION OF THE REC-1 BACTERIA PROVISIONS INTO THE BASIN  
PLAN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is proposing an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) to the bacteria water quality objectives (proposed Basin Plan Amendment). This draft Basin Plan amendment and the draft Technical Staff Report & Substitute Environmental Document for the Amendment (Staff Report) are the second versions circulated to the public. They are now available for public comment. Also provided are responses to comments submitted on the previous draft.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment involves removal of the narrative bacteria objective and the numeric fecal bacteria water quality objectives of Chapters 3 and 5, and other associated revisions in Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Basin Plan. The draft Basin Plan amendment includes proposed language discussing the already effective statewide bacteria water quality objectives for REC-1 and State Board's Bacteria Provisions.

This is the second circulation for public comment of a draft Basin Plan amendment and substitute environmental documentation. The first circulation was in March 2022 and responses to comments from that first circulation are now available. Revisions have been made to the draft Basin Plan Amendment that include removal of the narrative water quality objective. Members of the public may comment on the draft amendment language and substitute environmental documentation in their entirety.

### **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

The Water Board welcomes public participation in its decision-making processes and encourages the public and others to submit comments on the draft staff report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment language.

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PETER C. PUMPHREY, CHAIR | MICHAEL R. PLAZIAK, PG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft Staff Report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment language can be accessed at the web address shown below. Should you require a paper copy of the documents, please contact the staff listed at the end of this Notice with your request.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/#basin](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#basin)

**All written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2023.** Written comments can be emailed to [Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov). Comments may also be mailed to:

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

Please include “Comments-Bacteria Basin Plan Amendment” in the subject line of your email or hardcopy submittals.

### **SUBSEQUENT STEPS**

Water Board staff will review the written comments and prepare a final staff report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment language for the Water Board to consider at a future hearing. A 45-day notice will be provided prior to a Water Board hearing to consider adoption of this action.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the Water Board’s electronic mailing list regarding this proposed Bacteria Water Quality Objectives BPA, or any other Lahontan listservs, can subscribe to “Basin Planning – Regionwide” at the following webpage:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg6\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg6_subscribe.html).

All future information and notifications pertaining to this proposed BPA will be provided electronically through this subscription service, and to those interested parties who request notification via US mail.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know to be interested.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact:

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