

**Additional SEP Qualification Criteria  
and  
Examples of SEPs Approved by the Lahontan Water Board**

**The following additional criteria appear in the State Water Resources Control Board's Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects (February 3, 2009.) You may access this policy at by viewing the State Board's Internet Page at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/rs2009\\_0013\\_sep\\_finalpolicy.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/rs2009_0013_sep_finalpolicy.pdf)**

The following additional criteria shall be evaluated by the Lahontan Water Board during final approval of SEPs:

1. The SEP, when appropriate, includes documented support by other public agencies, public groups, and affected persons.
2. The SEP directly benefits the area where the harm occurred or provides a region-wide or statewide use or benefit.
3. The SEP proposal, considering the nature or the stage of development of the project, includes documentation that the project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. The SEP proposal addresses whether it can be the basis for additional funding from other sources.
5. The entity identified as responsible for completing the SEP has the institutional stability and capacity to complete the SEP. Such consideration should include the ability of the entity to accomplish the work and provide the products and reports expected.
6. The SEP proposal includes, where appropriate, success criteria and requirements for monitoring to track the long-term success of the project.
7. The SEP has a nexus (connection or link) between the violation(s) and the SEP. There must be a nexus between the violation(s) and the SEP. In other words, there must be a relationship between the nature or location of the violation and the nature or location of the proposed SEP. A nexus exists if the project remediates or reduces the probable overall environmental or public health impacts or risks to which the violation at issue contributes, or if the project is designed to reduce the likelihood that similar violations will occur in the future.

**Examples of SEPs that have been funded within the Lahontan Region include:**

1. Fleur du Lac Estates/Marina – Illegal Dredging (1989)
  - BMP Demonstration Garden, Blackwood Canyon Restoration, Marina Dredging Study, Streambank Soil Nutrient Analysis
2. Squaw Valley Ski Corp – Red Dog diesel fuel spill (1991)
  - Squaw Creek Restoration, Partial funding for ski area erosion control research
3. Susanville CSD – Discharge of sewage sludge (1994)
  - Wetlands project
4. LADWP/Independence WTF (2004)
  - Fish Slough Study, Purchase of land for conservation
5. Northstar Mountain Properties (2009)
  - Waddle Ranch/Northstar Watershed Improvement Program (road and upland restoration, stream restoration and forest fuels removal)

For a complete catalog of on-going and/or completed SEPs approved by the Lahontan Water Board click [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water\\_issues/programs/wsp/projects.php](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/wsp/projects.php)