



Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Eileen Sobeck

Executive Director

State Water Resources Control Board

FROM: PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

DATE: January 8, 2020

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THE

LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD'S 2018

INTEGRATED REPORT

Dear Ms. Sobek,

On November 20, 2019, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board (Lahontan Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R6-2019-0276 approving changes to the Lahontan Region's 2012 Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters (303(d) List). To develop the 303(d) List (and associated CWA Section 305(b) Report) the Lahontan Water Board spent considerable time reviewing and analyzing data, developing listing recommendations, holding public meetings, and responding to public comments. Lahontan Water Board staff have reviewed stakeholder requests for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review Lahontan Water Board changes to the 303(d) List and look forward to working with State Water Board staff in the coming year to support adoption of an updated California 303(d) List. Lahontan Water Board staff finalized the administrative record for the 2018 Integrated Report and provided the following items to Lori Webber, Supervisor of the State Water Board's Assessment Unit, for inclusion in the State's 2018 Integrated Report:

- Signed Lahontan Water Board Resolution for approved 303(d) List
- Public hearing notice signed and dated
- Interested parties e-mail subscription list (Lyris)
- Written public comments and staff's responses to public comments
- Transcripts of the Lahontan Water Board Hearing (minutes and audio)
- Lahontan Water Board staff Board Hearing presentation

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- Lahontan Water Board meeting agenda
- Documents and other "substantial evidence" used to support the Integrated Report (i.e. staff report and attachments)
- CalWQA category reports, comprehensive report, including waterbody factsheets, and miscellaneous changes report

During the Lahontan Water Board public hearing, Board members learned about the Listing Policy requirements that govern what data is used in the Integrated Report assessment process, including the data housed in the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). The Board members expressed concern that the 2018 Integrated Report did not include the assessment of water quality monitoring data required by regulatory permits because this data was not in CEDEN. The Board members recommend that future Integrated Reports consider a wider range of data to ensure a more comprehensive assessment of our water quality. The Board members also expressed a general desire to simplify the Integrated Report process.

Please call me at (530)542-5414, (<u>Patty.Kouyoumdjian@waterboards.ca.gov</u>), or contact the supervisor of my staff, Daniel Sussman, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (530) 542-5466 (<u>Daniel.Sussman@waterboards.ca.gov</u>) if you have any questions.

Attachments: Resolution No. R6T-2019-0276

cc: Pete Pumphrey, Chair Lahontan Water Board Lori Webber, Division of Water Quality Daniel Sussman, Lahontan Water Board