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LAHONTAN WATER BOARD ACCEPTING WRITTEN CEQA SCOPING COMMENTS ON LAKE TAHOE TMDL BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on July 15 and July 17 Lahontan staff held scoping meetings for the Lake Tahoe TMDL Basin Plan Amendment. We are currently accepting written scoping comments on this action until August 18. Relevant scoping comments should address reasonably foreseeable potential adverse impacts from adopting the Lake Tahoe TMDL into our Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). Comments will help to define the scope of environmental analysis applied to this action.

The adoption of the Basin Plan Amendment is the CEQA action and is programmatic in nature. Therefore, comments should not address potential impacts from project level implementations, such as a particular erosion control project. Rather, they should address, for example, potential impacts from a county's program to meet their TMDL obligations to reduce runoff of fine sediment and nutrients to Lake Tahoe.

The Lake Tahoe TMDL project description can be accessed at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water_issues/programs/tmdl/lake_tahoe/docs/description.pdf.

The Scoping presentation can be found at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water_issues/programs/tmdl/lake_tahoe/docs/tahoe_tmdl_ceqascopingpres.pdf.

Comments should be submitted in writing by **August 18, 2008**.

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