



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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## MINUTES JANUARY 9-10, 2002

### Regular Meeting

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
City of South Lake Tahoe, City Council Chambers  
1900 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe

Dr. Cooley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. on January 9, 2002.  
Roll call of Board members and staff introductions. All Board members present.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

William Betterley, Hesperia  
John Brissenden, Hope Valley  
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley  
Beatrice Cooley, Ph.D., Bishop  
Neil Eskind, Tahoe City  
Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D., Lancaster  
Claudette Roberts, Palmdale  
Eric Sandel, P.E., Truckee

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

### LEGAL COUNSEL

Lori Okun, State Water Resources Control Board

### STAFF PRESENT

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer  
Robert S. Dodds, Assistant Executive Officer  
Hisam Baqai, Supervising WRCE, South Lahontan Watersheds Division  
Lauri Kemper, Supervising WRCE, North Lahontan Watersheds Division  
Chuck Curtis, Supervising WRCE, Planning and Toxics Division  
Lisa Dernbach, Senior Engineering Geologist, MTBE, UST Cleanups  
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE, Carson/Walker Watershed Unit  
Scott Ferguson, Senior WRCE, Northern Watersheds Unit  
Eric Taxer, WRCE, Northern Watersheds Unit  
Anne Sutherland, Engineering Geologist, TMDL Unit

Doug Smith, Associate Engineering Geologist, UST/DoD Unit  
Chris Stetler, Senior WRCE, Leviathan Mine Unit  
Bud Amorfini, Environmental Scientist, Carson Walker Watershed Unit  
Jason Churchill, Environmental Scientist, Carson/Walker Watershed Unit  
Robert Erlich, Environmental Scientist, Lake Tahoe Watershed Unit  
Mary Fiore Wagner, Environmental Scientist, Lake Tahoe Watershed Unit  
Robert Larsen, Environmental Scientist, Lake Tahoe Watershed Unit  
Judith Unsicker, Staff Environmental Scientist, CEQA & TMDLs  
Kara Russell, WRCE, Lake Tahoe Watershed Unit  
Laurie Scribe, Environmental Scientist, Leviathan Mine Unit  
Jeremy Sokulsky, WRCE, TMDL Unit  
Bruce Warden, Environmental Scientist, Lake Tahoe Watershed Unit  
Dave Roberts, Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit  
Marietta Christoffersen, Office Technician  
Susan-Marie Hagen, Executive Assistant

### **ADDRESSING THE BOARD**

Jeffory Scharff, Attorney  
Kenn Rieders, Prosser Lakeview Estates, Truckee  
Tom Dithridge, Department of Finance  
Rebecca Bond, Public Works, Placer County  
Dick Young, Lake Tahoe Hi-Lo's  
Leonard Turnbeaugh, Public Works Director, Alpine County  
Chris Gansberg, Board of Supervisors, Alpine County  
Edwin James, Carson Water Subconservancy  
Robert Baer, General Manager, So. Tahoe Public Utility District  
Hal Bird, South Tahoe Public Utility District  
Darlene Ruiz, Hunter Ruiz, IMC Chemicals  
Julie Conboy, Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles  
Lars Anderson, Lead Scientist, Exotic Weeds, USDA Agricultural. Research Service  
Dan Sussman, League to Save Lake Tahoe  
Jan Brisco, Sunnyside Marina  
Jody Lonergan, Director, District 3, Caltrans  
Dick Melim, Deputy Director, District 3, Caltrans  
Mike Lambott, Malcolm Drilling  
Terry Harvey, Malcolm Drilling  
Tom Walbom, Granite Construction

**Regular Meeting**  
**4:00 p.m. January 9, 2002**

**1. Executive Officer's Report** (Harold Singer)

Mr. Singer highlighted several items from the written report:

- Status of 2000-2001 Basin Plan Amendments
- Prosser Lakeview Estates Septic System Update (deferred to Public Forum section)
- Survey from the November 2001 Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting
- Sampling in the Hinkley vicinity and nitrates related to a nearby dairy.
- Water Code Section 13269 and policies regarding waivers of discharge requirements and Assembly Bill 885 regarding septic systems and statewide guidelines.
- Basin Plan Amendments being considered by the State Water Resources Control Board (Robert Dodds)
- Mr. Singer handed out a news article from the Tahoe Daily Tribune (December 28, 2001) referring to a new well water treatment facility for treating water in South Lake Tahoe. The South Tahoe Public Utilities District will bring this well into operation in the spring of 2002.

The afternoon Board meeting session adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**to 7:20 p.m., January 9, 2002**

Chair Dr. Cooley convened the evening Board meeting session at 7:20 p.m.. She introduced the Lahontan Board members and Mr. Arthur Baggett, Jr., Chairperson of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. All Board members were present including: Mr. John Brissenden; Mr. Jack Clarke; Dr. Eugene Nebeker; Mr. Eric Sandel, and the three new Lahontan Board members: Mr. William Betterley; Mr. Neil Eskin; and Ms. Claudette Roberts.

Mr. Arthur Baggett Jr, addressed the Board and welcomed the new and returning Board members. He updated the Lahontan Board on the State Water Resources Control Board's budget, petitions, enforcement, and water quality and water rights issues.

Mr. Singer introduced the staff members present from the Lahontan Regional Board, and Ms. Lori Okun, representing the Lahontan Regional Board as legal counsel.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

Chair Dr. Cooley opened the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

Mr. Jeffery Scharff, attorney for Tahoe Tom's, deferred his comments at this time.

Mr. Kenn Rieders, private property owner in the Prosser Lake Estates subdivision,

***California Environmental Protection Agency***

Truckee area, addressed the Board on the progress of his work with Lahontan Board staff to address leach field and septic issues in his subdivision since he addressed the Board initially at the November 14-15, 2001, Board meeting in Truckee.

### 3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14-15, 2001, in Truckee were approved.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Sandel, **and unanimously carried** to adopt the November 14-15, 2001, Minutes as proposed.

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

#### 4. ***Public Hearing – Consideration of a Rescission of a Cease and Desist Order No. 6-94-20 Against Placer County for Discharging and Threatening to Discharge Waste (Earthen Materials) from the McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road to McKinney Creek in Violation of Basin Plan Prohibitions, Placer County***

Chair Dr. Cooley opened the Public Hearing and administered the oath.

Kara Russell, Lahontan Regional Board staff, gave the staff presentation explaining the history and background of discharges in the area. She gave the staff's recommendation that the Board rescind the Cease and Desist Order against Placer County.

Ms. Rebecca Bond, Associate Engineer, Placer County Department of Public Works, gave her presentation highlighting the history of Placer County's work on the road and the current efforts to implement a successful restoration project. She noted the formation of the "Friends of the Rubicon Trail" and the success of the Rubicon Trail Work Days.

Mr. Dick Young of the Lake Tahoe Hi-Lo's Club, addressed the Board citing his club's commitment to the ongoing maintenance, monitoring and preservation of the trail area. As an example, he noted signs along the road provided by the club advising users that it is a sensitive area and to keep all vehicles on the road. Mr. Young asked the Board to consider rescinding the Cease and Desist Order.

Mr. Singer and Lahontan Regional Board staff responded to questions from Board members. The Board commended the efforts of Placer County and the volunteer and user groups that have been working to restore and monitor the area.

There being no further comments or questions from the Board, Chair Dr. Cooley closed the hearing and called for a motion.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Sandel, to approve the staff recommendation on Item # 4 to rescind the Cease and Desist Order against Placer County. A **Roll Call Vote** was taken. The Board **voted unanimously to rescind** the Order.

## **PLANS AND POLICIES**

### **5. Recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Update of the Lahontan Region's Section 303(d) List and Priorities for Total Maximum Daily Loads**

Chuck Curtis, Lahontan Regional Board staff, gave the staff presentation, noting the changes staff recommended to the proposed 303(d) list that was sent to the Board earlier with the staff report. He also distributed the following two letters and one email received after the close of the comment period: a letter from Board member Mr Betterley, a letter from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; and an email from Deirdre E. Flynn.

Mr. Curtis, Mr. Singer, and Mr. Baqai responded to comments and questions from Board members. Ms. Lori Okun commented on the issue of Waters of the United States.

Mr. Chris Gansberg, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, requested that the West Fork of the Carson River be put on the "Watch List" and not be included on the 303(d) List.

Mr. Leonard Turnbeaugh, Alpine County Director of Public Works and member of the Alpine County Resource Conservation District, addressed the Board with the same request as Mr. Gansberg.

Mr. Edward James, General Manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District, addressed the Board and mentioned the lack of outside funding for data gathering if background sources of phosphate have not yet been identified. The groups he represents have offered to assist with funding if other local and regional agencies were ready to collaborate and work with each other along with the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Hal Bird and Mr. Robert Baer, General Manager, of the South Tahoe Public Utilities District, also asked that the West Fork of the Carson River not be added to the 303(d) list. They also requested that, in the event that it is listed, that funding be considered a high priority.

Darlene Ruiz of Hunter-Ruiz Associates, representing IMC Chemicals, addressed the Board and asked that Searles be placed on the "4<sup>th</sup> list" under Section 148.27, Subsection A, in the Federal Regulations.

Julie Conboy, deputy attorney with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, addressed the Board regarding Haiwee Reservoir, currently listed on the 303(d) list, and asked that it not be listed.

Chair Dr. Cooley called a short recess at 9:55 p.m. The Board meeting reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

Mr. Singer addressed procedural questions posed by the Board.

Mr. Curtis and staff recommended that the Board adopt a resolution:

- 1) accepting the proposed designations for the 303(d) list, including the late revision to the Proposed Recommended Table which removed the addition of the Mojave River from the attached list;
- 2) that the Mojave River be added to the "Watch List".

The Board discussed the possibility of adding language relating to the Waters of the United States. Staff and Ms. Okun responded to questions from the Board and the additional wording was dropped from consideration.

Chair Dr. Cooley asked the Board if there were any more questions and then called for a motion.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Sandel, to accept staff's recommendation for Item # 5 as amended and adopt a resolution recommending to the State Water Resources Control Board that it update the Lahontan Region's 303(d) List according to the revised recommendations in the Table, including the late revision to the Proposed Recommended Table, which removed the Mojave River from the updated 303(d) List. The Mojave River was added to the "Watch List".

The Board members considered the resolution. Chair Dr. Cooley said she would agree to accept, but with reluctance. Mr. Nebeker asked the Board to vote on the motion.

Chair Dr. Cooley called for a **voice vote**. The following Board members **voted in favor** of the motion: Mr. Brissenden; Mr. Clarke; Chair Dr. Cooley; Mr. Eskin; Dr. Nebeker; Ms. Roberts; Mr. Sandel. **Voting against** the motion: Mr. Betterley, who stated that he could agree to adopt all recommendations except the addition of the West Fork of the Carson River to the 303(d) list. Chair Dr. Cooley stated that the **motion carried** with one opposing vote.

## **STATUS REPORT**

### **6. Status Report on Caltrans Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) Master Plan**

Robert Erlich, Lahontan Regional Board staff, made brief introductory comments and highlighted background information on this item. He then introduced Dick Melim, Deputy Director, Caltrans, District 3.

Mr. Melim gave a presentation to the Board members, titled "A Progress Report on Caltrans' Environmental Improvement Program at Lake Tahoe", which addressed erosion and storm water

runoff issues in the Lake Tahoe Basin. He also introduced from her seat in the audience, Jody Lonergan, Director, District 3, Caltrans.

Mr. Singer commended Caltrans on changing its specification to acquire higher quality sand with lower phosphorus content for use as road sanding during snow events in the Tahoe Basin. Board members Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sandel and Mr. Brissenden concurred and applauded Caltrans for its efforts. Mr. Melim responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Brissenden asked that Mr. Singer forward this information to District 10, Caltrans, to use with its projects along the Carson River.

The evening Board meeting session adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**to 8:30 a.m., January 10, 2002**

Chair Dr. Cooley called the morning session of the Board meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. All Board members were present including: Mr. Betterley; Mr. Brissenden; Mr. Clarke; Dr. Cooley; Mr. Eskind; Dr. Nebeker; Ms. Roberts; and Mr. Sandel.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. Proposed Application of Aquatic Herbicides to Control the Invasive Weed, Eurasian Water-Milfoil, in Lake Tahoe – Consideration of a Notice of Exclusion Denying Coverage Under the Statewide Aquatic Pesticides General Permit to the Tahoe Keys Property Owner’s Association (TKPOA)**

Mr. Singer introduced the issue of Aquatic Herbicides and Lake Tahoe, and directed the following question to the Board for consideration: “Is it appropriate to allow the use of herbicides in Lake Tahoe using the State Board’s General NPDES Permit?”

Jason Churchill, Lahontan Regional Board staff, gave the staff presentation and background information on the aquatic plant, Eurasian watermilfoil, *myrlophyllum spicatum*. He addressed the history of the invasive weed and its current status in the waterways of the Tahoe Keys and other sites and marinas at Lake Tahoe, and described various management tools. Mr. Churchill explained the General NPDES Permit and Notice of Exclusion (NOE), and the Basin Plan Prohibitions.

Mr. Singer, and Ms. Okun answered questions from Board members.

Mr. Churchill introduced Dr. Lars Anderson, Lead Scientist with the Exotic & Invasive Weed Research Center, U.S.D.A. Agricultural Research Service, Weed Science Program at UC Davis.

Mr. Anderson gave a presentation on Eurasian watermilfoil and its potential water quality and ecological impacts. He described the concern caused by the spread of watermilfoil to numerous sites around Lake Tahoe. He noted similar problems in other parts of the nation. He stressed the



urgent need for eradication through the use of one or more management tools. Mr. Anderson mentioned that he had spoken to the Lahontan Regional Board five years earlier on this topic.

The Board asked Mr. Anderson if he could recommend an eradication and monitoring project for this invasive aquatic weed that would be effective in Lake Tahoe. He said that he could, but only for small scale use.

Ms. Jan Briscoe of Sunnyside Marina located on the west shore of Lake Tahoe, addressed the Board noting that the marina would be interested in being part of a pilot project at Lake Tahoe. She expressed concern about the watermilfoil infestation at Sunnyside Marina and urged that appropriate action being taken to control this weed where it exists in Lake Tahoe.

Mr. Dan Sussman of the League to Save Lake Tahoe, addressed the Board and shared the concerns of his organization with Board members in terms of overuse and potential toxicity from repeated applications of aquatic herbicides.

Mr. Singer and staff responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Singer stated his intent to issue a Notice of Exclusion to TKPOA and to use his discretion in responding to any future proposals unless directed otherwise by the Board.

Lauri Kemper mentioned that staff would be participating in the upcoming kickoff meeting for the Lake Tahoe Noxious Weed Coordinating Group, an inter-agency effort scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>. She noted that watermilfoil management would be on the agenda.

Regional Board staff will report to the Board on the progress of this issue at the February Board meeting.

Chair Dr. Cooley closed the discussion.

A short recess was called at 10:35 a.m. The Board meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

**11. *Public Hearing* – Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order Against Pacific Bell Telephone Company for the Unauthorized Discharge of Earthen Materials to a Storm Water Conveyance and Thence to Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, in Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements and Basin Plan Prohibitions**

Public Hearing of the ACL for Pacific Bell Telephone Company was waived and Item # 11 was removed from the agenda.



12. ***Public Hearing – Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order for the California Department of Transportation, District 3, for Violation of Waste Discharge Prohibitions Prescribed in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, Violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 99-06-DWQ, and Violation of Waste Discharge Requirement Waiver Conditions for Discharge of Earthen Materials to Waters of the Truckee River Hydrologic Unit, on August 1, 2001, Interstate 80 Rehabilitation Boca/Floristan Project, Nevada County – WDID No. 6A03CT3A1U***

The complaint for Item # 12 was withdrawn from the agenda by Mr. Singer.

13. ***Public Hearing – Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order for the California Department of Transportation, District 3, for Violation of Waste Discharge Prohibitions Prescribed in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, Violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 99-06-DWQ, and Violation of Waste Discharge Requirement Waiver Conditions, for Discharge of Earthen Materials to Waters of the Truckee River Hydrologic Unit, on August 2, 2001, Interstate 80 Rehabilitation Boca/Floristan Project, Nevada County – WDID No.6A03CT3A21U***

Chair Dr. Cooley opened the Public Hearing and administered the oath.

Eric Taxer, Lahontan Regional Board staff, made the staff presentation and recommendation that the ACL complaint amount be reduced from \$10,000 to \$4,000.

Ms. Jody Lonergan, Director, District 3, Caltrans, introduced herself and two other Caltrans project personnel in the audience: Mr. John Rodriguez, Deputy for Caltrans Project Construction; and Mr. John Hancock, Senior Resident Engineer for Caltrans. Ms. Lonergan began the presentation for her agency with some general comments on the three agenda items dealing with Caltrans: Items # 13, 14 and 15. She informed the Board that all complaints being heard today were related to a major construction project to rehabilitate eleven miles of highway and associated bridges on Interstate 80 from just east of Truckee to Floristan. Ms. Lonergan stated that the work is being performed under an \$86 million-dollar, multi-year contract with Granite Construction Company. The contract between Caltrans and Granite Construction requires the project be built while adhering to all water quality permits. She noted that Caltrans may hold Granite Construction Company responsible for any fines imposed by the Board and wanted to provide its contractors and subcontractors with an opportunity to make presentations to the Board at this time.

Regarding Item # 13, Ms. Lonergan stated that Caltrans remains neutral on the Lahontan Regional Board staff's recommendation, but wanted to address and correct several facts as they are stated in the complaint. She said that these "facts" were related to the allegation that the subcontractor, Malcolm Drilling, had washed earthen materials off a drill casing

directly into the Truckee River on August 2, 2001. Ms. Lonergran included the following information: that Malcom Drilling staff were allegedly washing the drill casing over the diversion area, however if in fact any discharge had occurred to the Truckee River, it was restricted to a very small amount of overspray from that washing operation and did not include earthen materials. When Caltrans staff observed this activity, it was immediately stopped, and the activity was relocated to a more appropriate location.

Ms. Lonergran introduced Mr. Tom Walbom of Granite Construction, the major contractor for the I-80 highway rehabilitation project, and Mr. Mike Lambott and Mr. Terry Harvey of Malcolm Drilling, subcontractors with Granite Construction.

Mr. Mike Lambott, of Malcolm Drilling, next addressed the Board, stating that he was the Supervisor in charge of the drilling project that day. He disagreed with some of the details listed in the report of the incident. He contended that the alleged discharge problem was due to an optical illusion, evident from the distance and angle of the viewing location where the Caltrans inspector was standing on the other side of the Truckee River. Mr. Lambott presented the Board with some black and white photocopies of the scene.

Mr. Lambott and Regional Board staff responded to questions from Board members.

Chair Dr. Cooley closed the hearing and the Board discussed the incident. She called for a motion from the Board.

**Motion:** Moved by Dr. Nebeker, seconded by Mr. Sandel, to reject the ACL Order against Caltrans regarding Item # 13. Chair Dr. Cooley called for a **Voice Vote**. The Board members **voted unanimously in favor** of the motion:

14. ***Public Hearing – Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability Order(ACL) for the California Department of Transportation District 3, for Violation of Waste Discharge Prohibitions Prescribed in the Water Quality Control Board Order No. 99-06-DWQ, Violation of Waste Discharge Requirement Waiver Conditions, for Discharge of Earthen Materials to Waters of the Truckee Hydrologic Unit, on July 10 and on September 12, 2001, Interstate 80 Rehabilitation Boca/Floriston Project, Nevada County – WDID No 6A03CT3A21U.***

Chair Dr. Cooley opened the hearing and administered the oath.

Eric Taxer, Lahontan Regional Board staff, made the staff presentation regarding discharges of sediment-laden stormwater into the Truckee River. The staff recommended that the Board adopt the ACL for Caltrans.

Ms. Lonergran disputed the second incidence listed in the complaint regarding discharge into the Truckee River. She again introduced Mr. Tom Walbom of Granite Construction. Mr. Walbom's presentation refuted the two discharge incidents noted in the ACL regarding the stockpiled earthen

materials. Mr. Walbom introduced Mr. Brian Roll, Caltrans engineer and manager for this project, who presented a video showing the earthen stockpiles along the section of Interstate 80 currently under construction near Truckee.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Taxer responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Ferguson displayed a photo showing a storm event on that section of highway during construction and substantiating that Best Management Practices were not adequate for the storm event and were not to specifications. Mr. Ferguson summarized and answered questions from Board members.

Chair Dr. Cooley asked for any last comments. There were none and she closed the public hearing. The Board summarized its findings. Ms. Okun stated that the legal basis justifies the staff's recommendations.

Chair Dr. Cooley called for a motion.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Brissenden, seconded by Mr. Sandel, to accept the staff recommendation on Item # 14 and adopt as proposed the ACL confirming the ACL Complaint.

Chair Dr. Cooley asked for a **voice vote**. The following Board members **voted in favor** of the motion: Mr. Betterley; Mr. Brissenden; Mr. Clarke; Chair Dr. Cooley; Mr. Eskin; Ms. Roberts; and Mr. Sandel. **Voted against:** Dr. Nebeker. **Motion carried** with one opposing vote.

**15. *Public Hearing – Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order for the California Department of Transportation, District 3, for Violation of Waste Discharge Prohibitions Prescribed in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, Violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 99-06-DWQ, and Violation of Waste Discharge Requirement Waiver Conditions, for Discharge of Earthen Materials to Waters of the Truckee River Hydrologic Unit, on September 19, 2001, Interstate 80 Rehabilitation Boca/Floristan Project, Nevada County – WDID No. 6A03CTA21U***

Chair Dr. Cooley opened the Public Hearing on Item # 15 and continued it to the March Board meeting.

**8. *Reports by Chair and Board Members***

Mr. Clarke asked Lahontan staff if any new information on classified injection wells could be reported to the Board. The Board thanked Governor Gray Davis for the appointment of the new Board members to the Lahontan Regional Board. Dr. Nebeker mentioned an article appearing recently in the Los Angeles Times about the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and an upcoming Supreme Court decision. Dr. Nebeker and Ms. Roberts recommended the availability of the Palmdale Water District office as a future Board meeting site.

**9. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2002**

Chair Dr. Cooley began by thanking Mr. Singer and the Lahontan Regional Board staff for their excellent responsiveness, helpfulness and dependability in preparing information for the Board members and for Board meetings. She also commended Mr. Singer and the staff for their efforts in conveying the Board's sincere desire to hear from the public so that public comment can be considered when the Board makes its decisions. The Board thanked and congratulated Chair Dr. Cooley for her leadership of the Lahontan Regional Board in 2001. Dr. Nebeker made special note of her concern and compassion for water quality issues and for the people of California exercising their right to be heard.

As Chair, Dr. Cooley approved the nomination of Mr. Clarke for Board Chairperson made by Dr. Nebeker, and the nomination of Dr. Nebeker for Vice Chair made by Mr. Brissenden.

**Motion:** Moved by Dr. Nebeker, seconded by Mr. Brissenden, **and unanimously carried** to elect Mr. Clarke as 2002 Chairperson of the Lahontan Regional Board.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Brissenden, seconded by Mr. Sandel, **and unanimously carried** to elect Dr. Nebeker as 2002 Vice Chair of the Lahontan Regional Board

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board members met in closed session on January 10, 2002 from 12:05 p.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the City of South Lake Tahoe, City Council Chambers, to discuss Item # 10 (m).

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:11 p.m

There being no further business to come before the Board, the January 9-10, 2002 meeting of the Lahontan Regional Board adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan-Marie Hagen, Executive Assistant

Adopted: February 14, 2002