

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES

April 9-10, 2014

Regular Meeting

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Annex
971 Silver Dollar Avenue, Hearing Room
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Board Members Present

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Chair, Truckee
Kimberly Cox, Vice Chair, Helendale
Don Jardine, Markleeville
Peter C. Pumphrey, Bishop
Eric Sandel, Truckee

Board Member Absent

Keith Dyas, Rosamond

Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

Regional Board Staff Present

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer
Chuck Curtis, Sup. Engineering Geologist
Mike Plaziak, Sup. Engineering Geologist
Douglas Smith, Sup. Engineering Geologist
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE

Richard Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist
Anne Holden, Engineering Geologist
Bob Larsen, Staff Environmental Scientist
George Cella, Engineering Geologist
Laurie Scribe, Environmental Scientist
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant, Board Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Horne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2014 and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, and Water Board staff.

1. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

PLANS AND POLICIES

2. **Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan)**

Water Board staff, Chuck Curtis and Robert Larsen, presented an overview of the proposed amendments to the Basin Plan and answer Board member questions.

Public Comment

- Barry Hill with the U.S. Forest Service supported the amendments to the Basin Plan and would like to work with staff to develop a regulatory approach to greater areas related to vegetation management.
- Madonna Dunbar with the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association expressed her concern over aquatic pesticides being released into Lake Tahoe and their effect on drinking water.
- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Pumphrey, seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Resolution with revisions as presented.

Click here to view adopted [Resolution No. R6T-2014-0027](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 12-13, 2014, held in in South Lake Tahoe, CA, and March 12-13, 2014, held in Barstow, CA.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by Ms. Cox and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12-13, 2014, held in South Lake Tahoe, CA, as presented. Mr. Pumphrey abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the February meeting.
- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Pumphrey, seconded by Mr. Jardine and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12-13, 2014, held in Barstow, CA, as presented. Mr. Sandel abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the March meeting.

Click here to view the adopted [February/March 2014 Minutes](#)

REPORTS

4. **Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

Chair Horne reported on her recent Chair's conference call. The State Board would like to hear if any community is experiencing a shortage of water so that they can react as soon as possible. There will be a discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Boards to the Legislature. The drought is not as severe as previously thought but the affected areas are very uneven around the state.

Mr. Jardine announced that his mother in law, Gwen R. McGinley, celebrated her 100th Birthday over the weekend in her hometown of Markleeville, CA.

5. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [February Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- a. evolving drought developments;
- b. fireworks over Lake Tahoe;
- c. meetings held with the Region 5, US Forest Service, Division of Toxic Substance Control, Lake Tahoe local governments, and two Tahoe PUDs; and
- d. Inyo-Mono IRWM Regional DAC/Tribal Conference being held in June in Bishop.

Ms. Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer, addressed the Board and presented the Quarterly Violation's Report.

6. CLOSED SESSION

None.

Note: The Board Meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED: Thursday, April 10, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Horne called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 10, 2014 and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, and Water Board staff.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Beth Christman with the Truckee River Watershed Council addressed the Board and stated that the Truckee River is not ready to be taken off of Clean Water Act Section 303(d) and Section 305(b) list of impaired water bodies and asked to make a presentation at a later Board Meeting. The Chair granted her request.

8. ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

Note: An (*) appears next to items adopted by the Board on the uncontested calendar.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by Mr. Pumphrey and **unanimously carried** to adopt the uncontested calendar as presented.

9. * **United States Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), William Kent Campground Redevelopment Project – Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Exemption to Waste Discharge Prohibitions Contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region**

*See Item 8

Click here to view [Resolution No. R6T-2014-0029](#)

10. * **Adoption of the Priority List for the Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account, Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

*See Item 8

Click here to view [Resolution No. R6T-2014-0028](#)

Note: The Board took a break from 9:36 a.m. to 9:42 a.m.

11. Adoption of a Regionwide Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Waste Discharges Resulting from Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities in the Lahontan Region (2014 Timber Waiver) and Included Exemption to Waste Discharge Prohibitions Contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan)

Water Board staff, Doug Cushman presented an overview of the updates and amendments to the 2009 Timber Waiver and answered Board member questions.

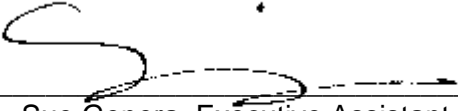
Public Comment

- Barry Hill, representing the U.S. Forest Service addressed the Board in favor of the 2014 Timber Waiver and presented a letter of support from Regional Forester, Randy Moore.
 - Nancy Gibson, representing U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe Basin Management Unit thanked staff for all of their hard work in bringing the 2014 Timber Waiver forward. She expressed concern regarding the cost and risks involved in hand thinning fuel reduction.
 - Duncan Leao, representing U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe Basin Management Unit, suggested converting to conventional logging equipment, which leaves little to no impact on water quality and vegetation disturbance, in the 2019 Timber Waiver. Staff stated that mechanized equipment is allowed in the 2014 Timber Waiver.
 - Steve Teshara, representing the Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs, addressed the Board in support of the 2014 Timber Waiver.
 - Dave and Jo Robinson with the Echo Lakes Environmental Fund (ELEF), gave a Power Point presentation showing current fuel reductions being done around Echo Lake. They expressed concern that slash piles were improperly located. Staff agreed to address this concern with the Forest Service and the ELEF.
 - Lisa Murphy thanked staff and the Board for their level of commitment in preserving water quality and allowing stakeholder input.
- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Pumphrey, seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to adopt the 2014 Timber Waiver as presented.

Click here to view the adopted [Board Order No. R6T-2014-0030](#)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on April 10, 2014.

Prepared by:  Adopted: June 18, 2014

Sue Genera, Executive Assistant