

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In the matter of issuing an Order combining Clean Water Act certification requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit requirements, and other waste discharge requirements and a prohibition exemption, to the City Of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Department) for the Lower Owens River Project (Project):

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board), will hold a public hearing during the Regional Board's regular meeting on July 13 and 14, 2005 in Bishop, California, to consider issuing an Order to the Department for the Project, which involves constructing a pump station and other improvements to manage water flows for habitat restoration. The proposed Project will allow a portion of Owens River flow to bypass the Los Angeles Aqueduct intake and flow (year-round) through approximately 62 miles of the Owens River immediately above Owens Lake before being pumped to the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

The Regional Board issued a tentative (draft) Order for public review on May 6, 2005, and requested that comments from interested parties be submitted by June 8, 2005. Changes have been incorporated into the proposed (draft) Order in response to comments received.

This public hearing is intended to provide the Department and interested persons with an opportunity to address the Regional Board concerning this matter. The Regional Board will then have the opportunity to affirm, reject, or modify the Order. The Department will be notified by mail of this public hearing.

The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony in this matter. Written testimony should be submitted to the Regional Board **by July 1, 2005**. The hearing will be held during the Regional Board's July 13 and 14, 2005 meeting, at the Bishop City Counsel Chambers located at 377 West Line Street, Bishop.

Interested persons are invited to attend and testify on this issue. Persons making presentations should confine statements to the issues pertinent to this hearing only. Oral testimony should be brief and may be limited by the Regional Board Chairman to allow all interested persons time to be heard.

The proposed Board Order, and related documents pertaining to this issue may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's South Lake Tahoe office between 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the above-referenced address. Any

questions regarding this matter may be directed to Alan Miller at the Regional Board office.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person whom you know to be interested in this matter.

(Original Signed by Lauri Kemper for . . . June 13, 2005)

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HAROLD J. SINGER  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER