

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD

Workshop and Program Update Schedule 2017

PROPOSED

Project	Purpose	Status
May-November 2017 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy	Climate Change Strategy will be prepared for the Water Board in late 2017. The Strategy will include actions the Water Board can take or are underway at other agencies. Public workshops are planned for June-August 2017 to discuss options and engage the public.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in May 2017. The staff report will include survey results and options for climate change actions.
May 2017 Federal Lands Non-point Source (NPS) General Order	Water Board is working with the Central Valley Regional Board to develop a joint General Order to regulate non-point source pollution on federal lands.	Informational workshop will be held in May 2017, with an action item on General Order in November 2018-April 2019.
July 2017 Bridgeport Grazing Waiver	Water Board is working with Bridgeport ranchers on a parallel effort to renew the Bridgeport grazing waiver, while developing a long-term watershed approach to address water pollution in the Bridgeport reservoir and tributaries.	Informational workshop will be held in March 2017, with an action item on permit renewal in July 2017.
April 2017 Wastewater Treatment Facility Update	Core program review. A staff report will be prepared on the status of wastewater treatment facilities, water quality concerns, and policy options.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in April 2017.
September 2017 Land Disposal Facility Update	Core program review. A staff report will be prepared on the status of land disposal facilities, water quality concerns, and policy options.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in September 2017.
September 2017 Confined Animal Facility General Order	Water Board will consider adoption of a General Order to regulate confined animal facilities, including dairies.	Workshop will be held September 2017 with action item on the General Order.

November 2017 Lake Tahoe Nearshore Water Quality Protection Plan (Plan)	Progress report will be prepared on implementation of the 2014 Lake Tahoe Nearshore Plan. The progress report will cover the Nearshore Resource Allocation Plan and priority projects underway.	Informational workshop will be held in July 2017.
November 2017 Wetland Mitigation Update	Core program review. Staff report will explore options for promoting and protecting wetland restoration projects in the region. The item will also include updates on state and federal wetland policies.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in November 2017.
April 2018 Department of Defense (DOD) Cleanup Site Update	Core program review. Staff report will be prepared on the cleanup status of DOD sites, groundwater quality concerns and policy options.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in April 2018.
May 2018 Cannabis Program Update	Core program review. Staff report will be prepared on implementation of the cannabis program, permitting efforts, and impacts on surface/groundwater quality. State Water Board staff will provide updates on their enforcement and water rights programs.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in May 2018.
September 2018 Site Cleanup Program Update	Core regulatory review. A staff report will be prepared on the status of site cleanup projects, impacts on water quality and policy options.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in September 2018.
March 2019 Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) Update	Core program review. A staff report will be prepared on the status of the SWAMP program, key projects, proposed changes, and emerging issues.	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in March 2019.

UNDERWAY

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March 2017 Leviathan Mine	Water Board will hold a workshop on implementation of the settlement agreement with ARCO. Updates will be provided on remedial investigation, feasibility study, interim combined treatment and facility status.	Informational workshop will be held March 2017.
November 2017 Flow Requirements and Water Quality Update	Informational workshop will be held on the Water Board's role in establishing minimum flow requirements in surface waters to protect beneficial uses, such as aquatic life, and to maintain water quality. State Water Board staff will provide updates on their water rights program and role in flow requirements.	Informational workshop will be held in November 2017.
2016-2017 Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMP)	<p>Water Board is reviewing local government SNMPs, providing direction and accepting approved SNMPs. The SNMP evaluates the potential for salt and nutrient increases from all current and future sources and to develop a management plan to protect groundwater for beneficial uses. Once developed, a SNMP could serve as a road map to manage salt and nutrient loading within a basin. Our partners, usually agencies participating in the Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWMs) groups are leading the efforts to complete these plans.</p> <p>The SNMPs still underway by the following IRWMs: Indian Wells, Inyo-Mono, Fremont Valley, Lahontan Basin and the Tahoe-Sierra.</p>	<p>The Water Board has adopted the following SNMPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mojave (February 2016) • Antelope Valley (November 2014) • Ft. Irwin (January 2017)
2016-2017 Onsite waste water treatment systems (OWTS) – Local Agency Management Plans (LAMPs)	<p>Water Board is reviewing LAMPs and providing direction to local governments as they develop final reports for approval. The LAMPs are required under the State Water Board OWTS policy that requires Regional Boards to review and approve LAMPs to ensure that water quality is protected.</p> <p>The LAMPs still underway include: Alpine County, Inyo County, Lassen County, Mono County, San Bernardino County and several individual cities.</p>	Water Board held an informational workshop November 2016 to discuss key water quality issues and guidance to local governments. Final LAMPs will come to the Water Board during 2017.
May 2018 Waters of the State-Storm Water	Core program review. A staff report will be prepared on regulatory options for regulating waters of the state and explore policy options. The report will focus on storm water discharges from industrial and construction	Staff report will be presented at informational workshop in May 2018.

	activities and dredge and fill activities in areas of the region that do not contain waters of the United States.	
September-November 2018 Triennial Review	Water Board will hold workshops to review and update Basin Plans as required under state and federal law. The Triennial Review process requires Water Board action to prioritize a list of basin planning issues for the staff to address over the following three years.	Work underway
February 2019 TMDL Implementation and Impaired Water Bodies	Core Program review. Water Board will be updated on adopted TMDL accomplishments. Water Board will receive information to adopt the impaired water bodies list and strategy to address listed impaired water bodies.	Work underway

POSTPONED

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Irrigated Lands General Order	The Water Board will consider a General Order address discharges from irrigated lands in the Lahontan Region. Staff has reviewed permits used in other regions and assessed irrigated lands in the region.	On hold. Pending review of State Board petition on irrigated lands and development of a statewide General order in late 2017.

COMPLETED

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June 2014 Environmental Justice	In June 2014 the Water Board held a workshop that included State Board, Water Board staff and local partners (Mojave Water Agency and CalTrout) to explore outreach and technical assistance efforts to assist disadvantaged communities in the region. Water Board received input and prepared a report with recommendations.	July 2015. Water Board adopted "Environmental Justice Program Implementation" report and it was transmitted to State Water Board and other state agencies.
July 2015 Climate Change Workshops	Water Board held two workshops in fall 2014 to educate the public on potential impacts from climate change in our region and to gather input on actions the Water Board should consider to adapt to climate change. Water Board provided direction on three key priorities at the July 2015 meeting: Wetland/watershed protection and restoration; Low Impact Development Principles for storm water management; and Infrastructure Protection	June 2016. The initial stakeholder workshops were held. Staff formed three internal working groups and conducted a stakeholder survey.
September 2015	Over 2014 and 2015 Water Board held	March 2016. Water

Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)	workshops to review MNA as a method for groundwater cleanup in lieu of active groundwater remediation. The Water Board considered criteria, conditions and acceptable methods for using MNA at cleanups and prepared a report with recommendations	Board adopted "MNA Evaluation and Implementation for the Lahontan Region" report and it was transmitted to State Board and other state agencies.
March-July 2015 TMDL Implementation and Impaired Water Bodies	Water Board staff presented accomplishments from implementing several adopted TMDLs. Water Board staff shared future strategy to addressing list of impaired water bodies.	TMDL Fact Sheets, Lake Tahoe Performance Report and online tools available on Water Board website.
May 2015 Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program Update	Core program review. Water Board held a workshop to review closure of low threat underground tank cases and remaining high priority cases that require action.	GEOTRACKER, contains updated underground tank case information.
September-November 2015 Triennial Review	Water Board held workshops to review and update Basin Plans as required under state and federal law. The Triennial Review process requires Water Board action to prioritize a list of basin planning issues for the staff to address over the following three years.	November 2015. Water Board approved Triennial Review including a list of Basin Planning priorities.
February 2016 Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and Update on Alternative Energy Projects in Region	Water Board held a workshop that included the California Energy Commission, Department of Fish and Wildlife and other state and federal agencies to discuss a comprehensive plan to address mitigation requirements for future renewable energy projects. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) presented the Phase 1 Plan that governs projects on BLM land. Water Board staff presented an update of alternative energy project development in the region.	Water Board continues to permit alternative energy projects. Water Board requested more information and guidance for mitigation of impacts. Wetland mitigation workshop set for November 2017.
July 2016 Mono Lake Update	Water Board conducted a tour of Mono Lake and discussed water quality and drought impacts to the Lake. The Mono Lake Committee also provided updates on Mono Basin policy and scientific issues.	July 2016