

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**LAHONTAN REGION**

**RESOLUTION R6T-2013-0010**

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
TO CERTIFY THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY  
“LAKE TAHOE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN”  
PURSUANT TO CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 208**

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**WHEREAS**, the California Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) finds:

1. Lake Tahoe is a designated Outstanding National Resource Water that is impaired by elevated fine sediment particle and nutrient inputs from developed lands, atmospheric deposition, and disturbed undeveloped lands and stream systems.
2. Responsibility for protecting water quality in the Lake Tahoe basin is shared by the States of California and Nevada and the bi-state Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). The TRPA is the designated area-wide water quality planning agency for the Lake Tahoe region pursuant to federal Clean Water Act Section 208.
3. Lake Tahoe was placed on the Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies in 1988 due to ongoing loss of the lake's historic deep water transparency.
4. On November 16, 2010 the Lahontan Water Board adopted Basin Plan amendments incorporating a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to address the major sources of pollutant loading to Lake Tahoe. The proposed amendments add a Lake Tahoe TMDL section to the Basin Plan that includes a Problem Statement, Numeric Targets, Source Analysis, Sediment Loading Capacity and Allocations, a Margin of Safety, and an Implementation and Monitoring Plan. The State Water Board approved the TMDL Basin Plan amendments on April 19, 2011 and the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved the Lake Tahoe TMDL on August 16, 2011.

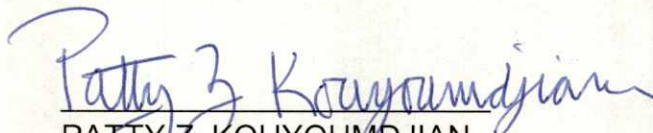


5. The Lahontan Water Board has determined that the TMDL for fine sediment particles, total phosphorus, and total nitrogen for Lake Tahoe are set at levels necessary to attain and maintain the applicable water quality objectives taking into account seasonal variations and inherent uncertainties in the TMDL analysis.
6. On December 12, 2012 the TRPA Governing Board adopted an updated Regional Plan that aligns TRPA policies with the approved Lake Tahoe TMDL. The updated plan incentivizes redevelopment of existing urban areas and restoration of sensitive lands. The plan defers to the Lake Tahoe TMDL as the primary water quality management policy in the Lake Tahoe basin and avoids redundant and overlapping regulatory requirements.
7. On December 12, 2012 the TRPA Governing Board also adopted an amended Water Quality Management Plan pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 208 (208 Plan) to address inconsistencies between the existing 208 Plan and the updated TMDL and Regional Plan policies. The amended 208 Plan provides a framework that identifies and describes the water quality management programs in the Lake Tahoe Region that are administered, managed, and implemented by a multitude of agencies.
8. TRPA's amended 208 Plan requires certification by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to take effect.
9. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection certified the amended 208 Plan on January 9, 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board supports the State Water Resources Control Board certification of the amended 208 Plan to the extent consistent with applicable law.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on February 14, 2013.

  
PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER