
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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MEETING AGENDA

The Lahontan Regional Water Board (Water Board) is conducting this meeting from the location shown below:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2700 Lenwood Rd,
Barstow CA 92311

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

AND

Hinkley Community Center
35997 Mountain View Rd
Hinkley, CA 92347

Special Meeting/Field Tour

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 1:00pm

Video and Teleconference Option: The regular meeting will occur with a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location. A majority of the Board Members will be physically present at the noticed meeting locations mentioned above, consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at [CAL-SPAN](#)

For those who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Water Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/remote_meeting/.

The field tour will occur with a physical meeting location only. The tour will not include an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

General Meeting Information:

The following items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order. The meeting will not be called to order prior to the time specified. All Water Board files, exhibits, and agenda materials pertaining to items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record for the appropriate item.

Comments on individual agenda items are welcome. If you are considering speaking or submitting written materials, please consult the notes at the end of the agenda.

Adoption of Uncontested Calendar:

Items denoted by (✖) are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be proposed for the uncontested calendar. The Water Board will act on these items at one time without discussion. If any Water Board member or person requests discussion, the item may be removed from the uncontested calendar to be considered separately. Requests to have an item removed from the uncontested calendar can be made in advance of the meeting by emailing to the Board Clerk at RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov or by calling the Water Board's Executive Officer via his Executive Assistant, Katrina Fleshman at (530) 542-5414.

REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Introductions

1. **Public Forum** – A public forum is held at the beginning of each general meeting where a person may speak on matters within the Water Board's jurisdiction that are not related to a specific agenda item or currently pending before the Water Board. Comments regarding pending or impending adjudicatory matters will not be allowed.
2. **Minutes** – The Water Board will consider adopting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2024.
3. **Reports by Water Board Chair and Water Board Members** – The Water Board members will provide updates to the Water Board and public on events and activities of interest.
4. **Executive Officer's Report** – The Executive Officer will provide an update to the Water Board and public on key actions and activities in the Lahontan region, including the items below. This is an informational item, and no formal action is requested, though Water Board members may give directions to staff. (Ben Letton).
 - a. Notification of Spills (Pursuant to Water Code section 13271, and Health and Safety Code section 25180.7)
5. **Status Report on Cleanup Activities Concerning Chromium Contamination from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Hinkley Compressor Station** – The Water Board will hear reports from Water Board staff, PG&E representatives, and the Independent Review Panel Manager on actions taken during the past year and planned for this year for chromium contamination cleanup in Hinkley such as cleanup and remediation efforts, establishing cleanup values, and community outreach efforts. (Amanda Lopez)
6. **Annual Election of Water Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson** – The Water Board members will elect a Water Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2025.

7. Closed Session¹

- a. Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(B)(i).
- b. Discussion to Decide Whether to Initiate Litigation. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(C)(i).
- c. To deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon evidence introduced in a hearing. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).
- d. Discussion of Litigation. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, El Dorado County Superior Court, Case No. 22-CV-0841. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).
- e. Discussion of Personnel Matters. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).

TOUR: Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Tour: Site Cleanup of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Hinkley Compressor Station

Tour Description: The Water Board will tour sites associated with the cleanup of chromium contamination from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Hinkley Compressor Station. At the beginning of the tour, the Regional Board will provide a brief overview of the locations that will be included in the tour. Participants will then visit various locations in the Hinkley Valley. The tour will include stops at remediation sites and locations providing an overlook of the Hinkley Valley. Representatives of PG&E will be present to give brief overviews and explanations at each tour stop and to answer questions from the Regional Board members and its staff.

While a quorum of the Regional Board may be present at the tour, there will be no action or voting taking place during the tour.

As the tour will be conducted partially on private property, there may be limited space parking space at certain stops. To ensure that adequate space is available for all participants, members of the public wishing to join the tour should RSVP by 5:00pm on Friday, January 24, 2025. To RSVP, please send an email (preferred) with the subject line "Hinkley Tour" to katrina.fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov or call (530) 542-5414. In the body of the email, please include a contact phone number along with the number of persons and cars who will participate. Alternatively, you may call Ms. Fleshman at (530) 542-5414. Members of the public will be responsible for providing their own transportation to stops along the tour route.

What to Wear: The tour will be conducted partially by foot on uneven terrain and include moderate walking. Please wear appropriate foot attire. Participants are responsible for providing their own drinking water, sunscreen, sun hat, and other outerwear as appropriate.

¹ At any time during the regular session, the Water Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon the evidence introduced in the hearing. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (a), (c)(3) and (e).

Where to Meet: Outside the office of the Hinkley Community Center, 35997 Mountain View Rd, Hinkley, CA 92347.

Adjournment

GENERAL PROCEDURES

The Water Board will be considering many items during this meeting which may result in Water Board action or direction to staff. We encourage input from all people interested in a given item or issue, so that when we act, our decision is based on all available information. Although an oath is not administered in most of the proceedings before this Water Board, we expect all statements made before this Water Board to be truthful with no attempts to mislead this Water Board by false statements, deceptive presentation, or failure to include essential information.

Sequence of Agenda Items

The items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order.

Availability of Agenda Material

To view or download documents available on the public website, go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>. Documents not available on the public website may be requested by contacting RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Language Services

This hearing will be offered in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options at least ten (10) business days before the meeting:

- Submit a Language Services Request online
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916)-341-5254
- Email the Office of Public Participation at:
opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Accessibility

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Board Clerk, Katrina Fleshman, at least ten days prior to the meeting date at: (530) 542-5414 or katrina.fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Public Forum

Any person may address the Water Board regarding a matter within the Water Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda or currently pending before the Water Board. Comments regarding matters that are under development for future meetings or not within the Water Board's regulatory authority will be restricted. Comments regarding pending or impending adjudicatory matters will not be allowed. Comments during public forum will generally be limited to five (5) minutes.

Meeting Procedures

The Water Board circulates item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures along with drafts of its Orders, Amendments, and other action items. If there is a conflict between an item-specific Notice or Hearing Procedure and the Meeting Procedures in this Agenda, the item-specific Notice or Hearing Procedure will control. Please contact Water Board staff if you do not know whether there is a Notice or Hearing Procedure for a specific item. The statutes and regulations that govern the Water Board's meetings are on the State Water Board's Laws and Regulations web page (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/).

To give everyone an opportunity to be heard, a time limit for oral comments may be imposed on any agenda item. Comments will generally be limited to five (5) minutes. People are encouraged to use time for oral comments to summarize their written submittals. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should request an extension at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at: RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov. Anyone wishing to present a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation during the meeting, must provide the presentation to Katrina Fleshman, Executive Assistant at least ten (10) working days prior to the meeting at: RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/remote_meeting/

Written comments on an agenda item must be submitted on or before the due date listed in the item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures. Written materials that are received after deadlines set by item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures will not generally be admitted.

For items on the agenda that do not have an item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures with specific due dates, written comments must be submitted at least ten (10) days before the meeting to the Executive Assistant, Katrina Fleshman (RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov).

Material presented to the Water Board as part of the testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Water Board.

Ex Parte Requirements

An ex parte communication is communication to a Water Board member from any person, about a pending or impending matter, that occurs in the absence of other parties and without notice and opportunity for them to respond. The California Government Code prohibits the Water Board members from engaging in ex parte communications on permitting, enforcement, and other "quasi-adjudicatory" matters. Communication about a pending adjudicative matter, received during a public forum, or during the public meeting when the item is not noticed, may violate the ex parte prohibition. The public is encouraged to contact Water Board staff to determine whether a matter is a pending or impending adjudicatory matter. Ex parte communications are allowed on pending general orders (such as general waste discharge requirements, general waivers, and general Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certifications) subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Further [information and disclosure forms](#) are located on the Water Board's website.

The ex parte rules are intended to provide fairness, and to ensure that the Water Board's decisions are transparent, based on the evidence in the administrative record, and that evidence is used only if stakeholders have had the opportunity to hear and respond to it. A Water Board member who has engaged or been engaged in a prohibited ex parte communication will be required to publicly disclose the communication on the record and may be disqualified from participating in the proceeding. For more information, please look at the [ex parte questions and answers](#) document located on the Water Board's website.

Contributions to Regional Water Board Members

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit before the Water Board must submit a statement to the Water Board disclosing any contributions of \$250 or more to be used in a federal, state, or local election, made by the action supporter or opponent, or his or her agent, within the last 12 months to any Water Board member. All permit applicants and all persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit pending before the Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Water Board member for three months following a Water Board decision on the permit application.

Petition of Regional Water Board Action

Any person aggrieved by an action of the Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date the action was taken, except that if the thirtieth day following the date the action was taken falls on a Saturday, Sunday or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the [law and regulation applicable to filing petitions](#) may be found on the Water Board website or will be provided upon request.

Water Quality Certification

A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, may be obtained by contacting the staff below

Northern Lahontan Basin: Mary Fiore-Wagner in South Lake Tahoe a (530) 542 5425, mary.fiore-wagner@waterboards.ca.gov

Southern Lahontan Basin: Jan Zimmerman, in Victorville at (760) 241-7376 jan.zimmerman@waterboards.ca.gov

The Water Board has a home page that can be accessed on the Internet, at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan.

[Recordings](#) are made of each Water Board meeting and are retained on the Water Board website.

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD MEMBERS

California Water Code section 13201 provides for the Governor to appoint seven members to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Each member shall reside or have a principal place of business within the region. Appointments are subject to confirmation by the state Senate.

Name	From	Term Expires
Essra Mostafavi, Vice Chair	Bishop	9/30/24
Jeff Loux	Truckee	9/30/28
Kimberly Cox	Helendale	9/30/26
Amy Horne, PhD., Board Chair	Truckee	9/30/26
Rick Dever	Crestline	9/30/27
Robert Pearce	Chalfant	9/30/27

LAHONTAN WATER BOARD CONTACTS

Michael R. Plaziak, PG., Executive Officer
 Ben Letton, Assistant Executive Officer
 Elizabeth Beryt, Counsel to the Water Board
 Katrina Fleshman, Board Clerk

To reach the Executive Officer, please contact his Assistant, Katrina Fleshman, via email at RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov or call (530) 542-5400.

The primary responsibility of the Water Board is to protect the quality of the surface and groundwater within the Region for beneficial uses. The duty is carried out by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific groundwater or surface water bodies; by prescribing and enforcing requirements on domestic and industrial waste dischargers, and by requiring cleanup of water contamination and pollution. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Water Board are outlined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.