

Notice of Filing
September 30, 2011

TO: Any Interested Person

FROM: Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

SUBJECT: Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 3779

Name of Board: Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 6)

Project Title: Replacing the Regionwide Pesticide Water Quality Objective with a Regionwide Objective on Aquatic Pesticide Use with Exemption Criteria

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Project Location: The project location is the entirety of the Lahontan Region.

Project Description: The project is adoption by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region that will replace the existing regionwide water quality objective for pesticides and establish a regionwide prohibition for pesticide application to water. The proposed amendment will allow exemptions to the proposed pesticide prohibition provided specific project conditions and criteria are satisfied on a project-by-project basis.

This is to advise that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is proposing to adopt or amend the Lahontan Region Water Quality Control Plan in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The proposed Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) for the Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment and proposed Basin Plan language were previously available for a 45-day public comment period beginning March 21, 2011, and written comments were due by May 13, 2011. In addition, two public hearings were held during the comment period, at which oral comments were also taken.

The purpose of recirculating these documents is to solicit public input on modifications to the SED and the proposed Basin Plan language that were logical outgrowths of comments received. Water Board staff considered public comments and realized that some key changes to the proposed language were necessary. The scope of this recirculation for public comments is limited to changes to the documents since it was last sent out for public review on March 21. The Water Board will not be considering additional comments on those unchanged parts of the SED and proposed Basin Plan language already subject to a 45-day review period.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board will accept written comments as set forth in the published notice. Written comments must be submitted to the Lahontan Water Board by November 14, 2011 at 12:00 p.m., noon, PST, and shall be submitted to Dan Sussman or Mary Fiore-Wagner, 2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. A public hearing for the consideration of the proposed amendment is scheduled for December 6 and 7, 2011.