

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

******NOTIFICATION******

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION MEETING FOR
AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION
TO DESIGNATE TRIBAL BENEFICIAL USES IN THE MONO BASIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) will consider the adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Lahontan Basin Plan) to Designate Tribal Beneficial Uses in the Mono Basin (Mono Basin BPA). The Lahontan Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses of surface and ground waters, establishes water quality standards for protecting the beneficial uses, and describes implementation programs for achieving water quality standards.

The proposed Mono Basin BPA makes changes to Basin Plan Chapter 2, Present and Potential Beneficial Uses, Table 2-1, to designate the Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL) and the Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB) Beneficial Uses to Mono Lake, and the CUL use to specific waterbodies located in the Mono Hydrologic Unit. Waterbodies proposed for CUL designation not currently named in Basin Plan Table 2-1 will be added to the Mono Hydrologic Unit portion of Table 2-1. Explanatory language regarding the origin and intent of the CUL and T-SUB uses will be added to Basin Plan Chapter 2 in the introductory section titled: Present and Potential Beneficial Uses. The proposed T-SUB and CUL designations respond to requests made by the Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe and Bridgeport Indian Colony.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Water Board is proposing to amend the Lahontan Basin Plan in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code. State regulations require that Basin Plan amendments that are "projects" for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), be accompanied by substitute environmental documentation (SED) (23 CCR § 3775-3781). The proposed Mono Basin BPA is a project under CEQA and the final SED will be available for review at least 30 days prior to the public adoption meeting as detailed below.

PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Mono Basin BPA and certifying the SED as follows:

DATE: November 13, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DR. AMY HORNE, CHAIR | MICHAEL R. PLAZIAK, PG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PLACE: Tri-County Fairgrounds
18th District Agricultural Assoc. Tallman Building,
475 Sierra Street, Bishop CA 93514**

And

via Video and Teleconference

Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the Board meeting calendar website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2024_schedule.html

The final Board meeting agenda will be available on that website at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the date for this item, and the anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order.

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an email to RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "Special accommodation for Board Meeting" or call (530) 542-5400 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or by voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Anyone having questions about the hearing should contact the Board Clerk, Katrina Fleshman at RB6-Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov or by contacting her directly at (530) 542-5414.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Mono Basin BPA language and the Final Staff Report and SED will be available no later than **October 11, 2024**, on the web page identified below. Should you require a paper copy of the documents, please contact the staff listed at the end of this Notice.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tribal-beneficial-uses.html

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