

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON THE PLACER COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ONSITE WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board) staff reviewed the Placer County (County) Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP). We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comment to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board).

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) contains discharge prohibitions applicable to the LAMP and, even though prohibitions are not described in the County's LAMP, the LAMP may not supersede our Basin Plan's discharge prohibitions. Presently, County staff members we work with are aware of our discharge prohibitions. One prohibition we discuss with County staff regularly is the discharge prohibition within the 100-year floodplain of the Truckee River, which includes discharges from an OWTS. County staff contacts us and directs individuals to contact us when activities to construct or replace an OWTS near the Truckee River and its floodplain are proposed to obtain the approval required from the Lahontan Water Board. We appreciate that communication with the County staff and hope that communication continues.

Most of the high-density housing developments in the County within the Lahontan Water Board's jurisdiction are connected to a sewer. The prohibition information is our only substantive comment towards the County's LAMP. While the County should recognize the limitations of our prohibitions, the prohibition information need not be incorporated in the LAMP. We trust the information about our prohibitions will be preserved independently of the LAMP and made available to future County staff members.

We look forward to seeing the finalized LAMP that Region 5 and Placer County agree on. The Water Board staff is available to discuss our comment. The Lahontan Water Board has gone paperless; if you wish to respond to our comments in writing please e-mail your comments to lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have questions please, contact me at (530) 542-5436 (lauri.kemper@waterboards.ca.gov), or Rob Tucker, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (530) 542-5467 (robert.tucker@waterboards.ca.gov).

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