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Announcing a Supplemental Public Scoping Meeting on the Matter of an Amending the Water Quality Control Plan of the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) to Reduce Fine Sediment, Nitrogen, and Phosphorus Inputs to Lake Tahoe

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) staff will hold a Supplemental California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9 to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental document to be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5 of the CEQA. The proposed action would involve:

- Amending Basin Plan stormwater requirements to facilitate Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation.

At the meeting, Water Board staff will review the Lake Tahoe TMDL effort, describe Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation tools currently in development, and summarize proposed Basin Plan amendments related to stormwater requirements. Immediately following, Water Board staff will open a Scoping Meeting pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) to receive comments from the public on the proposed Basin Plan amendments.

The Water Board held two previous CEQA Scoping Meetings to describe the Lake Tahoe TMDL program and the proposed implementation plan. The previously held CEQA Scoping Meetings did not include information about proposed changes to Basin Plan stormwater requirements. At this Supplemental Scoping Meeting, Water Board staff will describe the proposed stormwater requirement changes and provide a forum for public comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Date: August 12, 2009

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: US Forest Service
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
35 College Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the public workshop and/or public scoping meeting, please contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414 no later than 10 days before the scheduled public scoping meeting. For more information, please contact Robert Larsen at 530-542-5439, or visit the Water Board's Lake Tahoe TMDL website at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water_issues/programs/tmdl//lake_tahoe/

Doug Smith
TMDL/Basin Planning Unit Chief

Date:

7/16/09

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**Public Workshop and
Project Scoping Meeting
on plans to reduce**

**Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sediment
in Lake Tahoe**

Wednesday, August 12, 2009
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South Lake Tahoe

Lahontan Region Water Board staff invite all to attend a public discussion of pollution prevention plans intended to restore Lake Tahoe's historic clarity, by reducing nitrogen, phosphorus, and fine sediments reaching the Lake.

Following the workshop, staff will update members of the public and request comments on project developments over the past year. We look forward to your participation.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROPOSED BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT: LAKE TAHOE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

Supplemental Description of the Proposed Activity

The proposed activity is the adoption of an amendment to the Lahontan Regional Water Board's (Water Board) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The amendment will incorporate Total Maximum Daily Load requirements for Lake Tahoe and amend sections of the Basin Plan to facilitate TMDL implementation.

The proposed Lake Tahoe TMDL will be developed to fulfill requirements of section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The proposed implementation plan is required by the California Water Code (CWC) section 13242, which also requires that implementation plans be incorporated into the Water Board's Basin Plan.

The Water Board developed a detailed Project Description for the Lake Tahoe TMDL and associated Basin Plan amendment. This supplemental project description adds information regarding additional proposed Basin Plan amendments to adjust stormwater requirements to facilitate Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation.

The Water Board held two previous CEQA Scoping Meetings to describe the Lake Tahoe TMDL program and the proposed implementation plan. The previously held CEQA Scoping Meetings did not include information about needed changes to Basin Plan stormwater requirements. This Supplemental Scoping effort is intended to address the needed changes to existing stormwater requirements and provide a forum for public comments on the potential environmental impacts associated with the amending the Basin Plan.

To support Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation, a Basin Plan amendment is needed to clarify the application of the 20-year, 1-hour design storm, simplify the numeric effluent limits, and provide roadway managers design flexibility to design stormwater treatment facilities that maximize annual average fine sediment particle, phosphorus, and nitrogen load reductions.

Additional information about the Lake Tahoe TMDL, including the previously prepared Project Description, previous Scoping Meeting materials, and related technical documents can be found on the Water Board website:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water_issues/programs/tmdl/lake_tahoe/index.shtml