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The Lahontan Region is named for a prehistoric lake that once covered much of the Great Basin. The region includes about 20 percent of California from the Oregon border south along the eastern crest of the Sierra Nevada through the northern Mojave Desert. Within this area are hundreds of lakes, streams, and wetlands, including the nationally significant Lake Tahoe and Mono Lake. Tourism is the most important industry in the region, which also includes Death Valley National Park, the Mammoth Lakes area, and portions of the Mojave National Preserve. The region's southern cities are experiencing rapid population increases, ranking them within the top ten nationally.

Upcoming Priorities for 2012

- Continue regulatory efforts to restore Lake Tahoe clarity and address deteriorating near-shore conditions.
- Protect and restore groundwater quality threatened or polluted by nitrate and total dissolved solids from municipal and dairy wastes.
- Ensure timely and efficient remediation of groundwater at sites affected by petroleum and other contaminants (emphasis on PG&E Hinkley hexavalent chromium clean-up, and Barstow perchlorate investigation and clean-up).

Accomplishments

- ✓ Water Board Orders PG&E to Provide Replacement Water in Hinkley, California
- ✓ Enforcement Taken on Dairies to Reduce Groundwater Contamination
- ✓ Innovative Lake Tahoe Clarity Restoration Efforts Begin
 - Emergency Water Treatment at Leviathan Mine Prevents Toxic Discharge