



Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MONO COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-SITU AND EX-SITU GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PROJECTS

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the General Waste Discharge Requirements for In-situ and Ex-situ Groundwater Remediation Projects (General Order). An Initial Study (IS) has been prepared to assess the environmental impacts associated with the project and determine whether the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Through the IS, Lahontan Water Board staff has determined there is no substantial evidence that the project will significantly impact the environment and a Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared.

Project Location: The General Order is proposed to be applicable throughout the Lahontan Region. The Region is approximately 570 miles long with a total area of 39,210 square miles and is separated into north and south basins. The north basin extends from the Oregon border southward to Conway summit (just north of Mono Lake) and is generally bounded to the west by the Sierra Nevada mountains and the east by the Nevada state line. The south basin extends from Conway summit southward to the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains and is generally bounded to the west by portions of the Sierra Nevada and Tehachapi Mountains, to the south by portions of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains, and to the east by the Nevada state line.

Project Description: Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, the Lahontan Water Board is proposing to adopt regionwide general waste discharge requirements (WDRs) to regulate discharges of waste associated with remediation activities. The remediation projects eligible for coverage under the proposed General Order include the extraction and treatment of groundwater above ground including using amendments (ex-situ remediation), and the discharge of amendments directly to the vadose zone or groundwater basin to remediate groundwater (in-situ remediation). "Amendments" include biological, chemical, and organic compounds that help to advance/mediate degradation of groundwater pollutants.

The objective of the General Order is to streamline the permitting process to regulate the discharge of waste, including the use of amendments, in a manner that is protective of beneficial uses identified in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan). Coverage eligibility under the General Order is at the discretion of the

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Executive Officer and the Executive Officer may decide that the Water Board issue individual WDRs if the remediation project does not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the General Order. The Executive Officer is also delegated the authority to revise and update the list of amendments and authorize the use of other amendments not listed if the materials are proven to meet specific criteria. The amendments must be proven to effectively remediate targeted constituents and be protective of human health and the environment. All remediation activities must be proven to be effective and protective of water quality and the environment.

Regulatory Process: California Water Code, section 13260(a), requires any person discharging waste or proposing to discharge waste within any region, other than to a community sewer system and that could affect the quality of the waters of the state, file a Report of Waste Discharge to obtain coverage under WDRs. The Lahontan Water Board will regulate the discharges of wastes associated with groundwater remediation projects and provide coverage under WDRs with the General Order.

Document Availability: The IS/ND and General Order will be available for review electronically at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/public_notices/.

Document Review Period: The 30-day review period for the IS/ND and General Order begins March 11, 2022 and ends April 12, 2022.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the Lahontan Water Board's intent to adopt the ND and General Order must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2022. Written comments can be sent to: Kerri O'Keefe, Engineering Geologist, Lahontan Water Board, 2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 or kerri.okeefe@waterboards.ca.gov.

Scheduled Public Meetings: The Lahontan Water Board will consider adopting the ND and the General Order during a public meeting held on:

Date: June 8 - 9, 2022

Time: To be determined.

Place: The location information will be available on the Lahontan Water Board internet webpage at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2022_schedule.html.

Government Code Section 65962.5 Evaluation: It is possible that a project eligible for coverage under the proposed General Order will be located on a site that is listed as a hazardous material site pursuant to Government code section 65962.5. However, the purpose of the proposed General Order is to remediate the sites, eliminating the hazard to the public, and potentially removing the sites from the list.



Kerri O'Keefe, GIT 981
Engineering Geologist

Date: March 8, 2022

Enclosures:

1. Initial Study, Environmental Checklist and Negative Declaration
2. General Waste Discharge Requirements for In-situ and Ex-situ Groundwater Remediation Project



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PROJECT TITLE

Lahontan In-situ and Ex-situ Groundwater Remediation Projects

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan	PHONE NUMBER ()
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.	CITY South Lake Tahoe	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 96150

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,548.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,203.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

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