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Notice of Public Workshop

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The Bureau of Water Quality Planning of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to review the water quality standards for Lahontan Reservoir in Nevada Administrative Code 445A.1792 and 445A.1824. The current standards were last updated in 1984 and a new review is deemed appropriate. Since the 1980s, combined nutrient loads to Lahontan Reservoir from the Carson River and the Truckee River (via the Truckee Canal) have decreased by about 50% and may have changed the nutrient-algal dynamics of the reservoir. Therefore, the validity of the assumptions used in setting the current standards needs to be evaluated. Additionally, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility, Washoe County, and Truckee Meadows Water Authority are pursuing a 3rd party review of the existing Truckee River nutrient TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) which define the allowable nutrient loads to the Truckee River. If revised, the nutrient TMDLs are to be constrained by downstream standards for the Truckee River, Pyramid Lake and Lahontan Reservoir. As NDEP promotes the review of water quality standards prior to the development or review of any TMDL, it is important that the Lahontan Reservoir standards be reviewed to ensure appropriate target are used for the TMDL review. As part of a separate activity, NDEP will also be reviewing the Truckee River standards.

The workshop to discuss the Lahontan Reservoir standards review will be held at the following location at the date and time indicated:

January 15, 2013
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
5th Floor Training Conference Room, Room 5001
901 S. Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

No changes to the standards are proposed at this time. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit initial public comments on the Lahontan Reservoir review. The workshop will consist of a brief presentation of the review process and potential revisions, and expected future documents and public meetings, followed by a question and answer period. No items will be voted on and no actions will be taken. Written comments on the proposed revision may be submitted to NDEP by February 15, 2013. Additional workshops will occur in the future to present any proposed revisions, and to solicit comments on specific recommendations.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations or assistance at the workshop should notify the Bureau of Water Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9444, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Persons unable to attend these workshops, but desiring information on the regulation changes, please contact:

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