

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT a NEGATIVE DECLARATION and NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT**

**General Waste Discharge Requirements for Limited Domestic Wastewater  
Treatment Systems**

**INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND WASTE DISCHARGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

**SYSTEMS:** Pursuant to the CEQA, Lahontan Water Board staff has prepared an Initial Study to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Through the Initial Study, Lahontan Water Board staff has determined there is no substantial evidence that such an effect may occur; therefore, the Lahontan Water Board proposes to certify a Negative Declaration for this project.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** The Lahontan Water Board will consider adopting the general order and certifying the Negative Declaration during a public meeting held on:

**DATE:** March 11-12, 2020

**TIME:** During the Water Board's regular meeting. Meetings generally begin at 4:00PM; however, this is subject to change. The exact time will be posted on the Water Board's web page at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/index.shtml>.

**PLACE:** Barstow, CA. The exact location information will be available on the Water Board's web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/index.shtml> no less than 10 days before the meeting.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The public review period for the proposed general order and associated negative declaration will extend from **January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020**. Written comments or questions on these documents should be directed to the attention of Carly Nilson at the address below or via email to [carly.nilson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:carly.nilson@waterboards.ca.gov).

The Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and proposed General Order are available upon request. Paper copies of these documents may be obtained by calling (530) 542-5400 or may be examined and photocopied on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Lahontan Water Board's office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Electronic copies can be requested by contacting Carly Nilson at [carly.nilson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:carly.nilson@waterboards.ca.gov).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) is preparing General Waste Discharge Requirements

for Limited Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Limited Domestic Order) that will be applicable to the Lahontan Region. The wastewater regulated by the Limited Domestic Order includes wastewater normally discharged from plumbing fixtures, appliances and other household devices including, but not limited to toilets, bathtubs, showers, laundry facilities, dishwashing facilities, and garbage disposals. Domestic wastewater may include wastewater from commercial buildings such as office buildings, retail stores, and some restaurants, or from industrial facilities where the domestic wastewater is segregated from the industrial wastewater. Domestic wastewater may include incidental RV holding tank dumping but does not include wastewater consisting of a significant portion of RV holding tank wastewater such as at RV dump stations. Domestic wastewater does not include wastewater from industrial processes.

The most similar, extant general permit, State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Small Domestic Systems Order), regulates the discharges from small domestic wastewater treatment and disposal systems (monthly average flow rate of 100,000 or less gallons per day). That general order does not provide consideration for nitrogen discharge in systems designed for less than 20,000 gallons per day and does not provide consistent nitrogen limits at all levels of discharge.

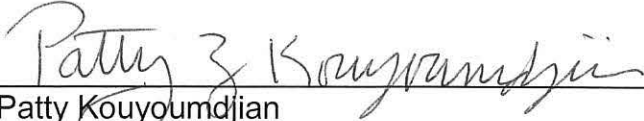
The Lahontan Water Board has recognized a need to consider nitrogen effluent limits for treatment systems with monthly average flow rate of 100,000 or less and greater than 250 gallons per day. The General Waste Discharge Requirements for Limited Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Limited Domestic Order) will provide coverage for domestic wastewater dischargers of a monthly average flow rate of 100,000 or less gallons per day.

Lahontan Water Board staff has prepared a draft general order for small industrial wastewater systems for public comment and review. The draft general order contains requirements for a written sampling and analysis plan and compliance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board boundary in California.

**REGULATORY PROCESS:** [Water Code section 13260\(a\)](#) requires that 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 the discharge, referred to as Report of Waste Discharge, to obtain coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Program or a waiver of WDRs Program. The Lahontan Water Board will regulate waste discharges to land associated with small nondomestic wastewater with General Wastewater Discharge Requirements. Therefore, the Lahontan Water Board is the lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Katrina Fleshman, (530) 542-5414, [Katrina.Fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katrina.Fleshman@waterboards.ca.gov), at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

December 19, 2019  
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