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REQUEST FOR U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION TO ESTABLISH: (1) THE LAKE TAHOE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR FINE SEDIMENT PARTICLES, NITROGEN, AND PHOSPHORUS; AND (2) A LAKE TAHOE TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED CHANGES TO URBAN STORMWATER REGULATIONS IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN; WATER BODY ID #CAL6343001019980806120257

Pursuant to federal Clean Water Act sections 303(c)(2) and 303(d)(2), we are submitting for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approval an amendment to the Lahontan Region Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) to establish: (1) the Lake Tahoe Maximum Daily Load for fine sediment particles, nitrogen, and phosphorus; and (2) a Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation plan and associated changes to urban stormwater regulations in the Lake Tahoe basin. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region (Regional Water Board) adopted this amendment on November 16, 2010 under Resolution No R6T-2010-0058. Subsequently, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted this amendment on April 19, 2011.

Regional Water Board staff is sending the amendment documentation separately to Susan Hatfield for review of the water quality standards actions (or to forward to the appropriate person) and to you for review of the TMDL.

I have enclosed two Basin Plan amendment documents:

Compact Disk of the U.S. EPA Documents for Review

The enclosed compact disk contains the Basin Plan amendment and portions of the Lahontan Water Board administrative record and State Water Board administrative record requested by U.S. EPA for their review and adoption of the amendment.

Index of Documents

The enclosed index is a paper copy list of all the documents on the compact disk indexed by a pdf number.

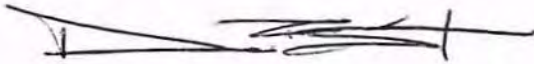
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State Water Board staff submitted the Basin Plan amendment to the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in late May 2011. OAL expects to complete its review by the beginning of July 2011. Regional Water Board staff will transmit OAL's approval letter immediately upon receipt.

We look forward to receiving your approval of this Basin Plan amendment. If you have any questions on this subject, you may contact me at (530) 542-5453 (dfsmith@waterboards.ca.gov).



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Enclosures: Compact disk of the U.S. EPA Documents for Review
Index of Documents

cc: (with amendment documentation)

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cc: (without amendment documentation)

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311	4/14/2011	Response by Lahontan Water Board staff to comment letter dated 3/18/2011 from Carl Young (League to Save Lake Tahoe) and Laurel Ames (Tahoe Area Sierra Club) to State Board concerning Tahoe TMDL [includes comment letter]	8639-8661
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