NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT TITLE: Lake Tahoe TMDL Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Lake Tahoe Basin

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as Lake Tahoe TMDL Project. On October 14, 2026, Division of Financial Assistance staff received Cleanup and Abatement Account Tier 2 funding applications from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Regional Board) for the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project. The funding application submitted for the Project was approved and signed by the Executive Officer of the Lahontan Regional Board.

The Project is a multi-year program supporting water quality monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Project involves monitoring key pollutant sources and ecosystem conditions and strengthening TMDL implementation tools. The Project will provide scientific information needed to restore and protect water quality.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board approved funding for the Project described above on November 2, 2026, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Lahontan Regional Board will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project is exempt because it involves water quality monitoring and data collection, research, watershed model modernization, and planning studies for possible future actions to guide effective water quality restoration and protection efforts throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

PUBLIC AGENCY: Lahontan Regional Board

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Ed Hancock

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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