STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0074

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION TO REMOVE THE MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY (MUN) BENEFICIAL USE DESIGNATION FROM SURFACE WATERS OF OWENS LAKE, INYO COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) adopted the revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) under Resolution No. 6-93-98 on September 9, 1993. The revised Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on January 19, 1995, by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on March 31, 1995, and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on May 29, 2000.

2. On July 14, 2005, the Lahontan Water Board adopted Resolution No. R6T-2005-0021 (Attachment), amending the Basin Plan. The amendment revises Table 2-1 in Chapter 2 (Beneficial Uses) of the Basin Plan by deleting the MUN beneficial use designation for Owens Lake (Hydrologic Unit No. 603.30).

3. The State Water Board finds that the Lahontan Water Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and all other applicable State laws and regulations.

4. The State Water Board finds that the amendment is in conformance with the requirements specified in California's Sources of Drinking Water Policy (State Water Board Resolution No. 88-63).

5. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with the requirements of Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards shall periodically review and may revise Basin Plans.

6. This Basin Plan amendment will not become effective until approved by the State Water Board, OAL, and USEPA and a Notice of Decision has been filed with the Secretary of the California Resources Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted under Lahontan Water Board Resolution No. R6T-2005-0021.

2. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit the amendment adopted under Lahontan Water Board Resolution No. R6T-2005-0021 and the administrative record for this action to OAL and USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on October 20, 2005.

Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board