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October 25, 2011

Mr. Harold Singer
Executive Director
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: Request to Delay Implementation of the NPDES Permit Adoption Process

Dear Mr. Singer:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado respectfully requests the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board delay the implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit adoption process.

In September 2011, the County of El Dorado submitted our NPDES permit which was tentatively approved by Lahontan. Subsequently, the U.S. EPA altered the draft language within our permit. Due to these recent amendments, the County of El Dorado is requesting a delay in the implementation of the scheduled October 31, 2011, NPDES Permit Adoption process to allow for a 60-day circulation period of the amended language. This will result in a total of 90 days for public comment and provide our county sufficient time to fully analyze the U.S. EPA's proposed language and provide our comprehensive response.

If it is truly the intent to attain the level of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reductions, as defined within the goals of the Lake Tahoe Clarity Challenge, then it is imperative that all agencies within the Lake Tahoe Basin that will be required to meet the performance objectives have a complete understanding of the policies and regulations that will be part of the permit adoption.

Regards,

John R. Knight, First Vice Chair
Board of Supervisors

Cc: Mr. Jack Clark, Chairman, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Mr. Douglas Smith, Manager of Planning & Restoration Division, Lahontan Region
Assemblywoman Beth Gaines, California State Assembly
The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor, State of California