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Mr. Harold Singer  
Acting Executive Officer  
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 until February 1, 2012. The County of El Dorado is making the request in support of our neighboring jurisdictions; the County of Placer and the City of South Lake Tahoe.

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 process. Initiating the NPDES permit adoption process within the next few weeks is too soon for several jurisdictions to fully analyze the proposal and provide a comprehensive response within the 30-day comment period.

Each agency and jurisdiction that will be expected to implement the policies and regulations necessary to attain the goals within the Lake Tahoe Clarity Challenge will need to be able to work cooperatively and with the same level of understanding if the region is to achieve improved clarity in Lake Tahoe.

Regards,

Raymond J. Nutting  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
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