

TMDL Program Decision Record Memo

February 2017

Each year TMDL Program Managers meet with Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Executives to review TMDL Program operations and discuss emerging issues, program priorities and future direction.

At this Program Review Meeting, TMDL Program Managers (1) Present key findings and program adjustment recommendations described by the *Findings & Recommendations Memo*; (2) Review priority actions and objectives for the upcoming year outlined in the *TMDL Annual Strategy*; and (3) Discuss other relevant information and stakeholder input gathered during the previous calendar year. The *Decision Record Memo* documents outcomes and executive decisions resulting from the Program Review Meeting.

Summary

TMDL Program Managers Robert Larsen (Lahontan) and Jason Kuchnicki (NDEP) met with the Lahontan Water Board Executive Officer, Patty Kouyoumdjian, and NDEP Deputy Administrator, Jennifer Carr, on December 16, 2016 at NDEP's office in Carson City for the 2016 TMDL *Program Review Meeting*. During the meeting, TMDL Program Managers summarized 2016 calendar year activities, discussed the 2016 *Findings & Recommendations Memo*, and outlined the *TMDL Annual Strategy* for 2017. TMDL Program Managers presented stakeholder feedback received in response to the draft documents as part of the overall program discussion.

The 2016 *Program Review Meeting* resulted in two major decisions:

- 1) The TMDL Executives accepted all recommendations put forward in the 2016 *Findings and Recommendations Memo* with minor content revision from the draft;
- 2) The TMDL Executives supported and adopted the 2017 *TMDL Annual Strategy* with minor content revisions.

Decisions

Item 1: 2016 Findings and Recommendations Memo

Context: Adopting well-supported TMDL Program adjustment recommendations based on new information is key to the TMDL Program's adaptive management process. The annual *Findings & Recommendations Memo* describes actionable recommendations to adjust the TMDL Program, including management strategies and guiding policies. TMDL Program Managers circulate the draft memo to interested stakeholders, then present recommendations and associated feedback to TMDL Executives for discussion and approval at the annual Program Review Meeting.

TMDL Executives generally accepted program recommendations as contained in the draft 2016 *Findings and Recommendations Memo* with the following content revisions:

1. Adjust numerical links between recommendations and responses to stakeholder comments to make the document more user-friendly.
2. Clarify the language describing key findings and recommendations to better characterize the opportunity to review new monitoring information in the context of PLRM treatment BMP performance.

3. Incorporate clarifying language that any updates to Crediting Program Handbook guidance should await Credit Accounting Platform software improvements, as the revised platform may provide ready access to relevant information and reduce or otherwise influence memo/guidance content needs.

Decision: TMDL Executives supported all recommendations proposed in the *2016 Findings & Recommendation Memo*. A complete description of each of the recommendations is found in Part II, Recommendations, of the [2016 Findings and Recommendations Memo](#).

Item 2: 2017 Annual Strategy

Context: The *TMDL Annual Strategy* is a short document prepared by TMDL Program Managers that informs the prioritization of day-to-day activities and TMDL Program messaging for the year. It includes a long-term goal, 5-year milestone objectives, annual objectives and current themes. The *TMDL Annual Strategy* is reviewed and finalized by TMDL Executives at the annual *Program Review Meeting* and subsequently published on the TMDL Online Interface.

Decision: TMDL Executives approved the [2017 TMDL Annual Strategy](#) with a minor content revision.