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Lahontan Dam 100-year Anniversary Celebration – Photo Credit: Winetta Owens

The design of Lahontan Dam, Newlands Project, began in 1910, and construction began in February 1911. The site was purchased from Francis G. Newlands in 1904 as a possible storage reservoir.

The Lahontan Dam and Reservoir store the natural flow of the Carson River along with water diverted from the Truckee River. The dam, completed in 1915, is a zoned earthfill structure. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 289,700 acre-feet. Old Lahontan Powerplant, immediately below Lahontan Dam, has a capacity of 42,000 kilowatts. The plant was completed in 1911 by the Bureau of Reclamation.

On June 13, 2015, Lahontan Dam celebrated its 100-year anniversary. The event included a ceremony, tours and a BBQ hosted by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) (ribs and chicken, macaroni salad, bread, cookies and bottled water).

Photograph shows guest speakers: TCID Board President Ernest Schank, TCID Manager and General Counsel Rusty Jardine, Mid-Pacific Regional Director David Murillo, Manager of Lahontan Basin Area Office Terri Edwards and Nevada Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus.

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