

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AMENDMENT
ORDER NO. R5-2003-0002
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
(NPDES) No. CA0084905**

for

**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
SLIGER MINE DISCHARGE
EL DORADO COUNTY**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (hereafter Discharger) owns the abandoned Sliger Mine located in El Dorado County. Wastewater is intermittently discharged from a mine portal to the Middle Fork of the American River. The mine discharge is regulated by existing Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2003-0001. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R5-2003-0002 provides a 30 December 2006 compliance date for the Discharger to comply with effluent limitations for Arsenic, Iron, Manganese, and Boron in the WDR Order.

The tentative amendment to the CDO proposes to extend the date for compliance with the above-mentioned effluent limitations to 30 January 2008. The proposed compliance period extension will allow the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) to: (1) review the Discharger's October 2006 mixing zone study, and (2) consider the Discharger's request for a receiving water mixing zone for determination of compliance with effluent limitations in their NPDES permit.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 25/26 January 2007
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Staff
- United States Bureau of Reclamation Representative(s)

Only designated parties will have the following rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are

interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **17 January 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Public comments regarding this noticed hearing item must be limited to the amendments shown in underline/strike-out text in the tentative document. Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **15 January 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **15 January 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative CDO Amendment should contact Ms. Diana Messina at (916) 464-4828 or dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.

Original Signed by

KENNETH D. LANDAU
Assistant Executive Officer

22 December 2006