

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CAXXXXXX)**

FOR

**MERIDIAN BEARTRACK COMPANY, ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE
CALAVERAS COUNTY**

Meridian Beartrack Company owns and operates the Royal Mountain King Mine located in Calaveras County. The Facility was a gold mine operated by the Discharger between February 1989 and July 1994. The Facility was originally regulated by Order No. 88-176, which addressed the removal, transport, processing, and disposal of mined material. Closure WDRs Order Nos. 97-165 and 5-01-040 regulated the closure of the Facility.

The Facility collects groundwater from the spring seepage areas at the bases of the Gold Knoll and West Over Burden Disposal Sites (ODS), which is then transferred to Skyrocket Pit Lake. This Order establishes requirements to allow intermittent discharges from Skyrocket Pit Lake to Littlejohns Creek during high creek flows so as to reduce impacts to beneficial uses caused by mining (predominantly from high TDS, sulfate, and arsenic concentrations). The proposed discharge from Skyrocket Pit Lake is one element in an overall proposal for closure of this facility.

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

DATE: December 6/7, 2007
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Meridian Beartrack Company

Only designated parties will have these 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 Board no later than **28 November 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.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements was issued on **2 October 2007**. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than noon on **2 November 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after noon on **2 November 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 on the proposed Orders should contact Mr. James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can 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 5 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 would be interested in this matter.

2 October 2007

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Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer