

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 [or Fresno or Redding  
addresses

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Concerning  
Revised Waste Discharge Requirements  
For  
Closure and post-Closure Maintenance  
Of  
McLaughlin Mine  
Homestake Mining Company of California  
Barrick Gold Mining Incorporated  
Lake, Napa and Yolo Counties

The McLaughlin Mine is an inactive former gold mine on 1,200 acres in Lake, Napa and Yolo Counties. The mine is in the process of final closure, when closed the former mine will maintain five Group B mining waste management units. The waste management units include two mine pit lakes partially backfilled with mining waste, two waste rock facilities and a tailings impoundment with a permanent pond. The tailings impoundment will take up to ten years to close. These Waste Discharge Requirements prescribe post-closure maintenance requirements for the mining waste containment units.

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

DATE: 2 and 3 February 2012  
TIME: 8:30 am  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Homestake Mining Company of California

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 **23 January 2012**. 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 revised Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on 17 November 2011. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than by

noon on **30 December 2011**. Written materials submitted after noon on **30 December 2011** 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 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 revised Waste Discharge Requirements should contact **Ross Atkinson at (916) 464-4614**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional 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/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) 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.

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**Frederick S. Moss**, Assistant Executive Officer

**4 November 2011**