

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: Staff Report on Recent Developments Regarding Legacy Mines within the Central Valley Region

BOARD ACTION: Informational Item Only

BACKGROUND: The discharge of pollutants from legacy or abandoned mines has significant impacts on surface and ground water quality throughout the state. The Central Valley Region contains an abundance of mines impacting water quality due to its geographic position between the Coast Range on the west, the Sierra Nevada to the east, and Klamath Mountains to the northeast; the high degree of mineralization contained within the three mountainous provinces; and the high rainfall experienced in the area.

The purpose of this informational item is to update the Central Valley Water Board on recent activities regarding legacy mines within the Central Valley Region. Staff will discuss recent success stories such as U.S. EPA adding the Argonaut Mine, Amador County, to the Superfund program's National Priorities List and U.S. EPA's proposed deployment of an optimization team to evaluate mining features within the Redding area of the Central Valley Region. Staff will also discuss organization of the Board's Mining Program and activities described in its 2016/2017 Annual Programmatic Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item only; no recommendations will be provided.

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Legal Review \_\_\_\_\_

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