

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2002 - 0155

THE LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (LRWQCB) REQUESTS FUNDING FROM THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL FUND CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 FOR CONTINUED SITE MAINTENANCE, POLLUTION ABATEMENT AND MONITORING WORK AT LEVIATHAN MINE (MINE)

WHEREAS:

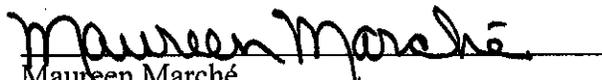
1. The Mine is an inactive sulfur mine owned by the State of California;
2. Historic mining activities have caused pollution problems, primarily from acid mine drainage (AMD) generated at the site, causing adverse water quality impacts in the Mine watershed;
3. Administrative Abatement Orders issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) require the LRWQCB to expand its current scope of work to include increased site maintenance and pollution abatement/monitoring work at the Mine;
4. Since 1987, the CAA has paid for various activities at the Mine to reduce or eliminate pollution;
5. The current annual LRWQCB General Fund budget of \$1,113,000 is inadequate to address the continuing pollution abatement activities at the Mine;
6. The LRWQCB has been unable to secure other funding sources; and
7. Funding is needed to enable expansion and completion of necessary site maintenance and pollution abatement/monitoring activities and comply with modified orders from the USEPA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board approves funding from the Cleanup and Abatement Account in the amount of \$2,500,000 to continue site maintenance, pollution abatement, and monitoring work at Leviathan Mine.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 17, 2002.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board