



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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## NOTICE OF HEARING concerning

### A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE WITH HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE WIDE AWAKE MERCURY MINE AND THE CENTRAL, CHERRY HILL, EMPIRE, MANZANITA AND WEST END MINE PROPERTIES COLUSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

A panel of the Central Valley Water Board conducted a hearing in November of 2009 to receive evidence regarding water quality impairments at the Wide Awake Mercury Mine property and the Central, Cherry Hill, Empire, Manzanita and West End Mine properties in Colusa County (collectively referred to as "the Properties"). On May 27, 2010, the Board issued Technical and Monitoring Reporting Orders R5-2010-0048 and R5-2010-0049 (the "Orders"), which required further studies at the Properties.

The Board named Homestake Mining Company of California ("Homestake") as a Discharger in the Orders. In order to resolve its environmental liability at the properties, Homestake has proposed to conduct remedial activities in exchange for a mutual release and covenant not to sue from the Central Valley Water Board.

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

DATE: 6/7/8 April 2011  
TIME: 8:30 AM  
PLACE: Regional water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive., Suite #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than noon on **17 March 2011**. All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed resolution should contact Mr. Patrick Pulupa, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5189 or [PPulupa@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:PPulupa@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water 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/)

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Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq., and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley 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 Central Valley Water 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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**Mr. Fredrick Moss**, Assistant Executive Officer

Enclosures:

- Proposed Resolution R5-2011-XXXX
  - Resolution Attachment A: Mutual Release and Covenant Not to Sue
  - Resolution Attachment B: Property Description
  - Resolution Attachment C: Workplan (website address provided below)
- [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.shtml#specific](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml#specific)

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