

**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
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State of California  
Department of Conservation  
Office of Mine Reclamation  
801K Street  
MS 09-06  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Mr. Kenneth E. Trott, Manager  
Reporting, Compliance and Review Unit

RE: RED INK MAID MINE  
ID #91-31-0020

Dear Mr. Trott:

The County of Placer has received and reviewed your June 27, 2011 letter regarding the above-referenced mine.

As you are aware, the Red Ink Maid Mine and the various issues surrounding its current status have been under review and consideration for some time now. We appreciate your representation of the facts surrounding the mine and your department's role as the State's regulator under SMARA. Among the issues unique to this mine are the mine's location on land owned by the Federal Government, administered by the U. S. Forest Service, past involvement with State regulatory processes, and the concerns identified by the State of California's Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. These facts indicate to the County an ongoing State interest and involvement with this particular mine that go beyond the County's local lead agency role. Under these circumstances, the County believes that, compared to the resources available to the County, your agency is better and more appropriately positioned to pursue the Notice of Violation and any subsequent enforcement action as you have outlined in your June 27th letter.

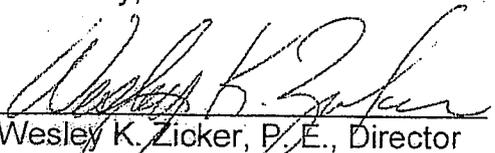
The County therefore defers to the Office of Mine Reclamation for pursuit of compliance with SMARA as outlined in the first full paragraph of Page 3 of your June 27<sup>th</sup> letter for this particular mine. The County is willing to provide any reasonable assistance to your department in the effort to gain compliance in this matter.

The County's deferral decision outlined in this letter is applicable only to the Red Ink Maid Mine. The County intends to continue in its role as lead agency for the remaining regulated mines located in Placer County. The County's deferral as to the Red Ink Maid Mine does not have any impact on the County's lead agency role relating to those other mines.

The County has enjoyed a positive working relationship with your office and intends to continue that relationship in the future. We appreciate your going assistance and ask that you keep us informed regarding the State's enforcement efforts in this matter.

Should you have any questions on this letter please contact me at 530-745-7527 or [wzicker@placer.ca.gov](mailto:wzicker@placer.ca.gov).

Sincerely;



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Cc: U. S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest  
Wildcat Mining Enterprises, LLC  
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