

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
SENECA GOLD LLC,
LORRIE PREIM, AND DAVID PREIM
SENECA MINE
PLUMAS COUNTY**

Lorrie Preim and David Preim own the Seneca Mine, a placer gold mine in Plumas County. The mine is proposed to be operated seasonally from May through November by Seneca Gold LLC. The proposed mine is approximately 3 air miles south of the community of Canyondam, Plumas County, adjacent to the North Fork Feather River. Placer gold deposits on approximately 19 acres of the 60 acre property will be mined in one to two acre annual increments. Process wash water used to separate the gold from the placer deposits will be recycled through a catch basin where the solids will settle out. The residual solids will be placed back into the excavations for reclamation. No chemicals will be used in the gold recovery circuit. Process water will be obtained only from storm water runoff. Excess water at the end of the operating season will be used to moisture condition the backfill material or land applied to the surrounding forest for irrigation.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adopting new Waste Discharge Requirements for the discharge. A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: **16/17 April 2015**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Fresno Office
1685 E Street,
Fresno, CA 93706-2020

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Seneca Gold, LLC
- Lorrie Preim and David Preim

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross

examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on 29 July 2013. The deadline for submitting written comments concerning the proposed action was **30 August 2013**. No substantial changes have been proposed by either the operator or the owner of the mine, and the Board is not proposing any significant revisions to the Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements. Therefore, the Board will not be accepting new written comments regarding the Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water 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. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Phil Woodward at (530) 224-4853, or at pwoodward@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/.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002-0129 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/.

Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at

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.

Clint E. Snyder
Assistant Executive Officer