

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Sliger Mine, El Dorado County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES No. CA0084905)*

BACKGROUND: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Discharger) owns Sliger Mine (Mine), which has been inactive since 1942. Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Order R5-2008-0168 permitted the Mine to discharge up to 0.194 million gallons per day of treated mine drainage to the Middle Fork of the American River.

WDR Order R5-2008-0168 contains water quality based effluent limits for arsenic, pH, iron, and electrical conductivity. The proposed NPDES Permit includes new final water quality based effluent limitations for copper and lead. The proposed Permit also grants year round dilution verses the seasonal dilution (winter dilution) granted by WDR Order R5-2008-0168.

ISSUES: A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the discharger and interested parties on 31 July 2015 for a 30-day public comment period closing on 31 August 2015. However, the Discharger did not post the Notice of Public Hearing until 17 August 2015, which extended the comment period closing date until 16 September 2015. No comments have been received to this point.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed NPDES Permit.

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Legal Review NJ

1/2 October 2015 Central Valley Water Board Meeting
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