

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning.

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDR)
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT NO. CA0084905**

**For
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
SLIGER MINE
EL DORADO COUNTY**

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Discharger) is the owner and operator of Sliger Mine and a bioreactor treatment system/infiltration gallery, located approximately 1,500 feet south of the junction of Sliger Mine Road and Fox Grove Lane, in El Dorado County, California. Sliger Mine is a non-operating hard rock gold mine. Untreated mine drainage from Sliger Mine is discharged from the Ventilation Adit where it flows downhill to the bioreactor/infiltration gallery for treatment and then discharges at Discharge Point 001 to the Middle Fork of the American River, a water of the United States. The proposed Order contains new effluent limits for copper and lead, and continues existing effluent limits for arsenic, iron, and salinity to protect the beneficial uses of the Middle Fork American River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider issuing new Waste Discharge Requirements for the facility.

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

DATE: 1/2 October 2015
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 31 August 2015**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board, or via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m. on 31 August 2015**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 31 August 2015** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

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.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or beth.thayer@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative 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 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all 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 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/laws_regulations/. 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 or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.



ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

31 July 2015