

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 0079

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION
CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA)
FOR THE GAMBONINI MINE (MINE) CLEANUP IN MARIN COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to remediate the Mine as a CERCLA removal action;
2. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board) has continuously supported cleanup and abatement activities at the Mine since 1993;
3. The State Water Resources Control Board approved San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board's request for funding on two previous occasions;
4. Cleanup and abatement at Gambonini has resulted in mercury discharge reduction by greater than 50 percent;
5. While a 50 percent mercury discharge reduction is significant, there is continuing erosion from mining roads and two small waste piles that pose a significant threat to Beneficial Uses in the Walker Creek watershed;
6. Current bank instability in downstream reaches is an ongoing source of mercury-laden sediment to Walker Creek; and
7. Downstream beneficial use impairment assessment work will provide the scientific basis for the Walker Creek and Tomales Bay Mercury TMDLs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board approves funding of an additional \$400,000 from the CAA to continue mercury cleanup and abatement efforts at the Mine; specifically to finish the on-site source control work, identify significant downstream mercury sources, and implement pilot source control projects.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Acting Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on November 16, 2005.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Richard Katz
Gerald D. Secundy
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Selica Potter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Selica Potter
Acting Clerk to the Board