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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

8 December 2021

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)  
PERMIT CA0084905**

**FOR**

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

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

Enclosed is tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Discharger), Sliger Mine (Facility). In accordance with the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing (Notice), written comments and evidence concerning the proposed Order must be submitted to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **7 January 2022**. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **7 January 2022** will not be accepted and incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) to consider adoption of the proposed Order at its **17/18 February 2022** Board Meeting. See the enclosed Notice for additional information about the Public Hearing. The Discharger must post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse, one (1) copy at the post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed), and one (1) copy at the public entrance to the Facility. Please post the Notice as soon as possible and provide proof of posting, using the enclosed form, by **22 December 2021**.

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KARL E. LONGLEY SCD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative NPDES Permit package to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the document from the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders)). Copies of the document may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Order, please contact Will Chen at (916) 464-4713 or email at [Will.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Will.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov).

Josh Palmer  
Senior Engineer

Enclosures (3):

Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)  
Notice of Public Hearing (Discharger Only)  
Proof of Posting Form (Discharger Only)

cc:

Elizabeth Sablad, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Region IX, San Francisco (email only)  
Peter Kozelka, U.S. EPA Region IX, San Francisco (email only)  
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Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)  
Division of Drinking Water, State Water Board, Sacramento  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento  
U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa  
State Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento  
State Department of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento  
Bill Jennings, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Stockton  
Richard McHenry, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (email only)  
Leeyan Mao, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento (email only)  
Rhonda Morningstar Pope, Chairperson, Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians  
Chairperson, Calaveras Band of Miwuk Indians  
Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe  
Lloyd Mathiesen, Chairperson, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk  
Lavina Suehead, Chairperson, Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe of Colfax Rancheria

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Yvonne Miller, Chairperson, Lone Band of Miwok Indians  
Carmen Lucas, Representative, Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians  
Katherine Erolinda Perez, North Valley Yokuts Tribe  
Durta Graham, Chairperson, Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi  
Rubin Barrios, Tribal Chairperson, Tachi Yokut Tribe (Santa Rosa Rancheria)  
Mary Daniels-Tarango, Chairperson, Wilton Rancheria Indian Tribe