

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

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
NO. CA0084387
for**

**LAZARUS MINING LLC AND US FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST
KLONDIKE, DUTCH, AND TELEGRAPH TUNNEL MINES
SIERRA COUNTY**

Lazarus Mining LLC currently owns the mining claim for the Klondike, Dutch, and Telegraph Mines (hereinafter Facility) located in Sierra County. The US Forest Service manages the property on which the Facility is located. Lazarus Mining LLC and the US Forest Service are identified as responsible parties for the discharge from the Facility to surface water, and are hereinafter collectively referred to as the Discharger. The tentative NPDES permit proposes to: (1) supersede existing Waste Discharge Requirements No. 98-119 which expired in June 2003, and (2) regulate the currently unregulated tunnel discharge up to 0.30 million gallons per day from two mine portals to an unnamed tributary to Goodyears Creek, and to Goodyears Creek, a tributary to the Yuba River.

A public hearing concerning the tentative NPDES permit will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 13/14 March 2008
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Staff
- Lazarus Mining LLC Representative(s), and
- US Forest Service Representative(s)

Only designated parties will have the following 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 Regional Water Board no later than **21 February 2008**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **8 February 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **8 February 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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 tentative NPDES Permit should contact Ms. Diana Messina at (916) 464-4828 or dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed NPDES Permit and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional 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 procedures governing Regional 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 Regional 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/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html 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 five 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 may be interested in this matter.

Original Signed by

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

8 January 2008