

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0085243)**

For

**MERIDIAN BEARTRACK COMPANY
ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE
CALAVERAS COUNTY**

The Meridian Beartrack Company, is the owner and operator of the Royal Mountain King Mine (Facility), a mine reclamation site located at 4461 Rock Creek Road, Copperopolis, California. The Facility consists of three waste management units (WMUs), three overburden disposal sites (ODSs), three former mining pits, and an administrative building and related facilities. The treatment system consists of commingling and discharging groundwater from the ODSs, a flotation tailings reservoir, and excess water in Skyrocket Pit Lake. Wastewater is discharged to Littlejohns Creek, which is a tributary to the San Joaquin River and the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta, waters of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2007-0162-01, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 6 December 2007. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit.

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

DATE: 30/31 May 2013
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:

- Meridian Beartrack Company

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 12 April 2013**. 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 noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 12 April 2013**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 12 April 2013** 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 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 Ms. Kathleen Harder at (916) 464-4778 or kathleen.harder@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.



for

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

7 March 2013