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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0084387)**

FOR

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

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed is the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements NPDES Permit for Lazarus Mining, LLC and U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest (hereinafter Discharger), Klondike, Dutch, and Telegraph Tunnel Mines (Facility). Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the proposed Order should be submitted to this office via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **27 April 2015** in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the meeting of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board). Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **27 April 2015** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Water Board to consider adoption of the proposed Order at its 4/5 June 2015 Board Meeting. A Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) concerning the proposed Order is also enclosed. Regulations require that the Discharger, by **30 March 2015**, post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse and one (1) copy at the post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed). In addition, if possible, please post the Notice on the Discharger's website. Proof of posting, using the enclosed form, shall be filed with this office by **3 April 2015**.

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 Internet website at 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 Josh Palmer at (916) 464-4674 or joshua.palmer@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by

Nichole Morgan
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Enclosures (3): Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)
Notice of Public Hearing (Discharger Only)
Proof of Posting Form (Discharger Only)

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