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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0085171) AND
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
FOR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
EMPIRE MINE STATE HISTORIC PARK
NEVADA COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed are the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit) renewal package and tentative Time Schedule Order for the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation (Discharger) Empire Mine State Historic Park (Facility).

To be given full consideration, any comments or recommendations you may have regarding the enclosed documents must be submitted in writing to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) office by 5:00 p.m. on **9 March 2012**. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **9 March 2012** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Water Board to consider adoption of the proposed NPDES Permit renewal and Time Schedule Order at its 7/8 June 2012 Board Meeting. The Notice of Public Hearing and a copy of a Proof of Posting form are enclosed. Regulations require that the Discharger post by **9 February 2012** one (1) copy of the Notice at:

- The nearest city hall or county courthouse,
- The post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed), and
- The public entrance of the Facility.

Proof of posting, using the enclosed form, shall be filed with this office by **24 February 2012**.

California Environmental Protection Agency



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 tentative NPDES Permit package, please contact Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or ethayer@waterboards.ca.gov.

Signed by

Gayleen Perreira
Senior Engineer

Enclosures: Notice of Public Hearing
 Proof of Posting Form (Discharger Only)
 Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)
 Tentative Time Schedule Order (Discharger Only)

cc: Mr. David Smith, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, San Francisco
US Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento
US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento
US National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa
Mr. Phil Isorena, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento
Department of Water Resources, Central District, Sacramento
State Office of Historical Preservation, Sacramento
Department of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water, Sacramento
Department of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento
Regional Manager, Department of Fish & Game, Region II, Rancho Cordova
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Mr. Steve Macaulay, California Urban Water Agencies, Sacramento
Mr. Bill Jennings, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Stockton
Mr. Richard McHenry, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (via email)
Mr. Waldo Walker, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Gardnerville, NV
Mr. David Kaiser, United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria, Auburn
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