

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100
Redding, CA 96002

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements
for

**RONALD AND BETTY LOGAN, NORTH CONTINENT LAND AND TIMBER
COMPANY, INC., AND NEW ERA MINING CORP.
NEW ERA MINE**

BUTTE COUNTY

Ronald and Betty Logan, North Continent Land & Timber Company, Inc., and New Era Mining Corp. (hereinafter Discharger) has applied for waste discharge requirements to discharge wash water from their placer mining operation at the New Era Mine to settling ponds. The mine and ponds are adjacent to Dry Creek, a tributary to Butte Creek and the Sacramento River.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 23 -24 October 2008
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Representatives of New Era Mine

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 Regional Water Board no later than **19 September 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.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on **19 August 2008**.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than by noon on **19 September 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after noon on **19 September 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. Comments should be directed to:

Philip Woodward
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100
Redding, CA 96002

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 Regional Water Board Chair.

Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Anyone having questions on the tentative Order should contact Mr. Philip Woodward at (530) 224-4853.

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 Regional 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.

Original signed by

James C. Pedri, P.E.

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Assistant Executive Officer