

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

concerning

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER  
REQUIRING SHASTA GOLD CORPORATION,  
FRENCH GULCH (NEVADA) MINING CORPORATION  
AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON MINE  
SHASTA COUNTY  
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ORDER R5-2010-0052  
(NPDES NO. CA0085294)

The Washington Mine complex is an underground gold mine and mill partially owned by Shasta Gold Corporation and operated by French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corporation. The unpatented mining claims are on land administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, and the Bureau of Land Management. Shasta Gold Corporation, French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corporation, and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management are designated hereafter as the Discharger.

The Discharger operates a wastewater treatment plant that is permitted to treat and discharge an average daily flow up to 300 gpm of treated mine drainage to Scorpion Gulch, a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2010-0052, which includes final effluent limits for California Toxic Rule constituents and conventional pollutants. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2010-2053 contains interim effluent limits and compliance schedules that require compliance with the final effluent limits, including discharges of mine drainage from the O'Neil Adit, by specific dates. The compliance date for discharges from the O'Neil Adit contained in CDO R5-2010-2053 is 17 March 2015. CDO R5-2010-2053 contains interim effluent limits for arsenic and zinc from the O'Neil Adit, however, information submitted as part of the required monitoring reveals that cadmium is also being discharged in excess of the final effluent limits. The Discharger plans to comply with the final effluent limits by collecting the mine drainage and conveying it to the treatment plant for treatment prior to discharge.

The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) proposes to issue a Time Schedule Order (TSO) including a compliance schedule requiring the Discharger to cease discharging cadmium from the O'Neil Adit at the Washington Mine in excess of the final effluent limits contained in WDRs Order R5-2010-0052. The TSO will include interim limits for cadmium discharges from the O'Neil adit and a time schedule consistent with CDO R5-2010-0053.

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Enclosed is a tentative TSO. To be given full consideration, any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the proposed TSO must be submitted in writing to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) office by 5:00 pm on **19 December 2011**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **19 December 2011** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. Please note that the tentative document will receive internal legal and management review during the public comment period. The Executive Officer will issue the TSO after the close of the comment period, after considering any timely public comments.

Anyone having questions on the proposed TSO should contact Phil Woodward at (530) 224-4853, or by email at [pwoodward@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:pwoodward@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Bryan Smith at (530) 226-3425, or at [bsmith@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bsmith@waterboards.ca.gov). The TSO can be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board's web site at

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.shtml#other](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml#other)

This and other related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment (except for the first, second, and third Friday of every month (per the Governor's Executive Order S-13-09 calling for furloughs)).

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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