



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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NOTICE  
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
AND  
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER  
FOR  
SOPER COMPANY  
SPANISH MINE  
NEVADA COUNTY

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

Enclosed are tentative Waste Discharge Requirements, Cease and Desist Order and related documents for the Soper Company Spanish Mine in Nevada County. The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Regional Board) will consider adoption of the Waste Discharge Requirements at a meeting to be held on **31 July and 1 August**. This item has been rescheduled from its original hearing date of 13 and 14 March.

Any comments you may have concerning the enclosed tentative documents must be submitted to this office by **noon on 23 June 2008**. Please note that the tentative documents will receive internal legal and management review during the public comment period. In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, paper copies of the enclosures are being transmitted to the dischargers only. Interested persons are advised that the full text of the tentative documents is available on the Regional Board's web site at

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

under the heading of "Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Board Meetings." The item will be posted on the website by **23 May 2008**. The tentative orders and related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's Redding office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



If you have any questions, please contact Phil Woodward at (530) 224-4853, or at the letterhead address above.

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Enclosure - Tentative Order

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