

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
415 Knollcrest Drive, Redding, California, 96002

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

REVISION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
for

**SHASTA GOLD CORPORATION AND
FRENCH GULCH (NEVADA) MINING CORPORATION
TAILINGS AND WASTE ROCK DISPOSAL FACILITIES
WASHINGTON MINE
SHASTA COUNTY**

Shasta Gold Corporation and French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corporation own and operate an underground gold mine near French Gulch, Shasta County. The mine produces solid waste in the form of ground rock from the gold recovery process (tailings) and larger rock from the underground mining activities. The tailings contain appreciable concentrations of heavy metals, including arsenic, which require a constructed containment facility. Non-reactive waste rock not requiring any special containment is deposited directly onto the ground. These requirements revise the existing waste discharge requirements for the disposal of solid mine waste to comply with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Section 2005 et seq. by requiring a lined containment facility for the tailings and reactive waste rock produced at the mine. Discharges of mine drainage to surface waters is regulated under a separate NPDES Permit.

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

DATE: 6/7/8 April 2011
TIME: 8:30
PLACE: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Water Board
- Staff of Shasta Gold Corporation and French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corporation

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

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Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than noon on **4 March 2011**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on [date]. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by noon on **4 March 2011**. Written materials submitted after noon on the above date will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative waste discharge requirements should contact Phil Woodward at (530) 224-4853. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Redding, California 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 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 Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda at (916) 464-4839.

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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.

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Assistant Executive Officer