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SUBJECT: Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc., Sixteen to One Mine, Sierra County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Time Schedule Order*

BACKGROUND: Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates Sixteen to One Mine (Mine). Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Order R5-2015-0002 permits the Mine to discharge up to 0.28 million gallons per day of mine drainage to the receiving water, Kanaka Creek.

WDR Order R5-2015-0002 contains water quality based effluent limits for antimony, arsenic, cadmium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, nickel, and electrical conductivity (EC). The Discharger is not able to immediately comply with these final effluent limitations. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order (TSO) is proposed to provide interim limitations and schedules for compliance with final effluent limitations by 16 April 2020. The TSO will also provide the Discharger some protection from mandatory minimum penalties for violations of the final effluent limitations.

ISSUES: A notice of Public Hearing was sent to the Discharger and interested parties on 18 February 2015 for a 30-day comment period. Written comments are due by 5:00 pm 20 March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Time Schedule Order.

Mgmt. Review __NM__

Legal Review __ASD__

16/17 April 2015 Central Valley Water Board Meeting
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