
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, EAGLE BIRD MINE, SIERRA COUNTY

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the 2 June 2015 email comment you submitted and the 16 June 2015 comments submitted on your behalf by Condor Earth Technologies on the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the Eagle Bird Mine in Sierra County. The tentative WDRs are scheduled for consideration at the Central Valley Water Board's 30/31 July 2015 board meeting in Rancho Cordova.

This letter provides Water Board staff's response to the comments received. Submitted comments and staff's response to each comment is provided below.

1. **Comment:** Eugene Shannon provided an email commenting that Eagle Bird Mining Company, LLC purchased the mining claims from Dorothy Wilder Trust in December 2013. As such, Eagle Bird Mining Company is the sole owner of the mining claims.

Documentation that Eagle Bird Mining Company, LLC is the sole owner of the Eagle Bird Mine mining claims was provided in the form of a "quit claim deed" on behalf of Eagle Bird Mining Company LLC by Condor Earth Technologies.

Staff Response: Reference to the Dorothy Wilder Trust has been removed from the Eagle Bird Mine draft WDRs.

2. **Comment:** Condor Earth Technologies provided suggested revisions to the Site Map (Attachment B) showing storm water monitoring points R-1, R-2, and R-3 and corrections to the assessor's parcel numbers.

Staff Response: Storm water monitoring points R-1, R-2, and R-3 have been added to the Site Map (Attachment B to the draft Order) and corrections to the assessor's parcel numbers have been made.

3. **Comment:** Sierra County Planning Department, Assistant Director Brandon Pangman provided a comment regarding Finding 56 of the tentative WDRs.

Suggested revision: *The Dischargers Financial Assurances for reclamation in the amount of \$160,298 is a Surety Bond with the payees listed as ~~the State Mining and Geology Board~~, Sierra*

County, the Department of Conservation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Central Valley Water Board.

Staff Response: Reference to the State Mining and Geology Board will be removed from Finding 56.

A copy of the revised WDRs for the Eagle Bird Mine are available upon request.

Please contact Jeff Huggins of my staff at (916) 464-4639 or Jeff.Huggins@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions regarding the contents of this letter, or contact me at (916) 464-4630 or Marty.Hartzell@waterboards.ca.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S/ M. HARTZELL". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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