

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
EAGLE BIRD MINING COMPANY, LLC
AND
DOROTHY WILDER TRUST
AND
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE

EAGLE BIRD MINE
SIERRA COUNTY

The Eagle Bird Mine is comprised of nine (9) lode gold mining claims on public lands owned by the United States Government and managed by the Forest Service. Eagle Bird Mining Company LLC (Discharger and mine operator) and Dorothy Wilder Trust (mine claimant) plan to perform small-scale exploration and mining of up to 7,200 tons per year.

No use of chemicals such as cyanide or mercury is proposed for the operation. Intermittent mining and processing operations have taken place at the Eagle Bird Mine starting in the mid-1880s, with recurring activities in the 1910s, 1930s, and most recently in 1969. However, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) have never been issued for the Eagle Bird Mine.

Based on information in the Dischargers Report of Waste Discharge, mining waste at the Eagle Bird Mine can be classified as Group C as defined by Title 27 California Code of Regulations section 22480. Mining wastes from Group C are wastes from which any discharge would be in compliance with the applicable water quality control plan, including water quality objectives other than turbidity. These WDRs prescribe waste discharge requirements for mining waste that are protective of ground and surface waters.

Further information about the Eagle Bird Mine and the proposed requirements can be found in the Information Sheet and the tentative WDRs that are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at

www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 30/31 July 2015
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Eagle Bird Mining, LLC (mine operator)
- Dorothy Wilder Trust (mine claimant)
- United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (land manager)

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 **29 June 2015**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

Tentative waste discharge requirements for the facility were issued for public comment on **28 May 2015**. 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 12:00 p.m. on **29 June 2015**. Written materials submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the above date will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the 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 Regional 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 these tentative WDRs for the Eagle Bird Mine should contact Jeff Huggins at (916) 464-4639 or Jeff.Huggins@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at

www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 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

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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-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

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.

Original signed by

Andrew Altevogt, Assistant Executive Officer

28 May 2015