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RE: Financial Assurances, Eagle Bird Mine, Sierra County

Ref: CVRWQCB Letter dated June 24, 2015

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your letter of clarification on the Eagle Bird Mine financial assurances issue.

Sierra County is satisfied that the financial assurance mechanism intended for SMARA-compliant reclamation of the mine may also list the CVWB as additional payee under Title 27. We appreciate your clarification that the CVWB does not 'view the financial assurance mechanism as potentially available for anything other than reclamation (i.e. water quality monitoring, reimbursement of unpaid fees or penalties).'

With this clarification, Sierra County hereby confirms that the County will add the Central Valley Water Board as an alternative payee on its financial assurance mechanism for the Eagle Bird Mine.

Sincerely yours,

SIERRA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

s/ Brandon W. Pangman

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