

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 REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
MERIDIAN BEARTRACK CO.  
MERIDIAN GOLD COMPANY  
ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE  
CALAVERAS COUNTY

Waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2008-0021 issued on 28 January 2008 is under consideration for revision with new waste discharge requirements for the closure and discharge of Group C mining waste at Royal Mountain King Mine. The tentative WDRs are issued to the Meridian Beartrack Co. and Meridian Gold Company (hereafter jointly Discharger). Details regarding the approval of these items are provided in the Findings of the tentative revised WDRs.

Further information about the facility 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](http://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: 23/24 June 2016  
TIME: 8:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Meridian Beartrack Co.

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 not cross examine witnesses. 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 **20 May 2016**. 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 **20 April 2016**. 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 5:00 p.m. on **20 May 2016**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 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 revised WDRs for the Royal Mountain King Mine should contact Amy Ha at (916) 464-4682. 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](http://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/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

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](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 Robert Busby for*

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**Andrew Altevogt**, Assistant Executive Officer

20 April 2016