

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2010-0036

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT
AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE AND CLEANUP ACTIONS
FOR
WALKER MINE, PLUMAS COUNTY

WHEREAS, there is in the State Water Quality Control Fund the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (Account) which is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, upon application by a Regional Board that is attempting to remedy a significant unforeseen water pollution problem, posing an actual or potential public health threat, and for which the Regional Board does not have adequate resources budgeted, the State Board may order moneys to be paid from the Account to the Regional Board to assist it in responding to the problem; and

WHEREAS, using Account funds, the Central Valley Water Board installed an engineered mine seal in the main adit of Walker Mine in November 1987, which has successfully prevented a direct discharge of acid mine drainage from the underground workings of the mine into Dolly Creek and Little Grizzly Creek; and

WHEREAS, the seal has made a significant improvement in the water quality of Dolly Creek and Little Grizzly Creek; and

WHEREAS, other point source and non-point source acid mine discharges from the Walker Mine property are continuing to occur and impair beneficial uses of Dolly Creek and Little Grizzly Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley Water Board does not have sufficient resources budgeted for remedying the water quality problems associated with the Walker Mine; and

WHEREAS, in Central Valley Water Board Resolution 97-160 the Executive Officer was authorized to apply to the State Water Resources Control Board for \$1,200,000 from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account to respond to the problems associated with the Walker Mine; and

WHEREAS, since 1997 the Central Valley Water Board has expended over \$1,000,000 from the Account for maintenance and cleanup activities at the Walker Mine; and

WHEREAS, the period to expend all of the \$1,200,000 over 10 years has expired and additional resources are needed to continue monitoring, contract for mine maintenance, and search for Responsible Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution 97-161, which describes the Operations and Maintenance Procedures and information on the long term annualized costs of operations and maintenance for the Walker Mine.

WHEREAS, Annualized costs for operations and maintenance of the mine structures for the next five years are estimated to be \$120,000: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Officer is hereby authorized to apply to the State Water Resources Control Board State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account to respond to the problems associated with the Walker Mine; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Officer is hereby authorized to enter in to engineering services and construction contracts for maintenance activities and cleanup actions associated with the Walker Mine; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if State funds are expended, the Executive Officer is directed to seek reimbursement from any responsible party.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Central Valley Water Board, on 18 March 2010.

original signed by
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer