

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 97-161

ACID MINE DRAINAGE ABATEMENT PROJECT
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES
FOR
WALKER MINE
PLUMAS COUNTY

WHEREAS, copper was mined from the Walker Mine in Plumas County between 1915 and 1941; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Creek and Little Grizzly Creek were polluted with acid mine drainage and heavy metal, for a distance of about ten miles; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board installed a concrete mine seal in the Walker Mine in 1987 to stop the direct discharge of acid mine drainage from within the mine to Dolly Creek and to restore the beneficial uses of Little Grizzly Creek; and

WHEREAS, Regional Board staff have developed Operations and Maintenance Procedures to identify the work required to maintain the mine seal and prevent discharge of pollutants to surface waters and to provide the Regional Board with information on the long term annualized cost of operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, ongoing operations and maintenance of the Walker Mine seal project is required to maintain the beneficial uses of Little Grizzly Creek; and

WHEREAS, continued maintenance of the seal project is critical to the ability of the seal to continue to hold back polluted water from the mine; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Maintenance Procedures, a part of this Resolution, details activities required to maintain the mine seal, maintain access to the mine seal, maintain surface water diversion structures, and continue water quality monitoring of Little Grizzly Creek and Ward Creek: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, adopts the Operations and Maintenance Procedures for Walker Mine.

I, GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 20 June 1997.


GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer