CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

PROPOSED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0085332) and
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
FOR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MALAKOFF DIGGINS STATE HISTORIC PARK
NEVADA COUNTY

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (Discharger) is the owner and operator of Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park, located at 23579 North Bloomfield Road, near Nevada City, in Nevada County, California. The Park includes the remnants of a former hydraulic mine, including a large pit, the pit walls, spoils piles, a pond, a short tunnel that discharges stormwater to Humbug Creek via Diggins Creek, and a longer tunnel with access shafts that also discharges wastewater to Humbug Creek. Humbug Creek is a tributary of the South Yuba River; both are waters of the United States.

Wastewater discharge from the pit is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order 76-258, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) in December 1976. A new NPDES permit is proposed for discharge to surface water from the pit. The proposed permit includes effluent limitations for copper, manganese, mercury, nickel, and pH. The proposed permit includes interim effluent limitations and a compliance schedule for manganese and pH. The accompanying Time Schedule Order includes interim limitations and a compliance schedule for copper, mercury, and nickel. The proposed permit also includes requirements for implementation of best management practices.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE:	10/11 August 2017
TIME:	8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- State Department of Parks and Recreation representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **4 August 2017**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board, or via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **4 August 2017**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m.** on **4 August 2017** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water 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.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or beth.thayer@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley 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 final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

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 Central Valley Water 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/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.

FOR ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

5 July 2017