

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

BLUE LEAD GOLD MINING, LLC  
MINING, PROCESSING, AND RECLAMATION  
BLUE LEAD GOLD MINE  
NEVADA COUNTY

Blue Lead Gold Mining, LLC proposes to construct and operate the Blue Lead Gold Mine in Nevada County. The mine is comprised of three separate parcels, which total 74-acres located near Greenhorn Creek, tributary to the Bear and Feather Rivers. The proposed mine is a surface placer gold mine. The mine is part of the Red Dog Mining District which was the site of large-scale hydraulic mining from 1855 through the early 1880s. After hydraulic mining ended, small scale surface and underground mining activities continued intermittently up through the 1970s. Native, undisturbed gravels still exist on the property and are the focus of the Blue Lead Gold Mine operations.

Further information about the mine and the proposed requirements can be found in the Findings and Information Sheet of the tentative WDRs 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 Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 31 May/1 June 2018  
TIME: 8:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Blue Lead Gold Mining, LLC

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. 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 request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **5 p.m. on 20 April 2018**. 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 **21 March 2018**. 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 April 2018**. 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 WDRs for the Blue Lead Gold Mine should contact Jeff Huggins at (916) 464-4639, or by email at [Jeff.Huggins@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeff.Huggins@waterboards.ca.gov). 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.

Robert Busby  
*for*

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**Andrew Altevogt**, Assistant Executive Officer

21 March 2018