

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

TENTATIVE ORDER R5-2026-XXXX

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Board adopted the following Order, which is no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

A) PORTOLA MINERALS COMPANY, BLUE MOUNTAIN MINERALS; BLUE MOUNTAIN MINERALS QUARRY; WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 99-032; TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 99-032, adopted on 30 April 1999, prescribes requirements to Portola Minerals Company, Blue Mountain Minerals (Discharger) for the discharge of up to 1.4 million gallons of aggregate wash water per day from the Blue Mountain Minerals Quarry (Facility) to ponds.

Historically, mined aggregate material was washed and scrubbed, and the wash water was treated by Jadair clarifiers prior to discharge to a series of settling ponds for disposal or reuse in the wash process. On 15 December 2025, the Discharger submitted an updated report of waste discharge (RWD) describing upgrades to the wash water system at the Facility that allows recirculation and recycling of wash water and eliminates continuous discharge to the settling ponds. The upgrades were completed in December 2024, and discharge to one of the previous settling ponds (Pond 2) is only anticipated during emergency or planned maintenance windows. The Discharger anticipates that the future discharges to Pond 2 may occur up to four times per year; however, since the upgrades were completed, there has been no need to discharge to the ponds for maintenance or emergencies.

Based on staff's review of the December 2025 RWD, the intermittent discharge at the Facility is eligible for coverage under Central Valley Water Board Resolution R5-2023-0061, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), Reports of Waste Discharge (RWDs), and/or Water Recycling Requirements (WRRs) for Specific Types of Discharge Within the Central Valley Region* (Low Threat Waiver). On 30 September 2026, the Central Valley Water Board issued the Discharger a Notice of Applicability that will enroll the Facility under the Low Threat Waiver upon rescission of WDRs Order No. 99-032. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order No. 99-032.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order is rescinded.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 10/11 December 2026.

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PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer