



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON
TENTATIVE RESCISSION OF ORDERS**

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2010-0053
AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2011-0908**

FOR

**FRENCH GULCH (NEVADA) MINING CORPORATION
AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON MINE
SHASTA COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed is the tentative Order to Rescind Cease and Desist Order R5-2010-0053 and Time Schedule Order R5-2011-09081, both of which were issued to the French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corporation and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (collectively, Discharger), for the Washington Mine (Facility). As stated in the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing (Notice), written comments and evidence concerning the proposed rescissions must be submitted to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **20 March 2026**. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **20 March 2026** will not be accepted and incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair.

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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A public hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) to consider the rescissions at **16/17 April 2026** Board Meeting. See the enclosed Notice for additional information about the public hearing.

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative rescission orders package to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the documents from the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders). Copies of the documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California 96002, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Orders, please contact Marisol Gonzalez at: (530) 224-4204 or Marisol.Gonzalez@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosures: Tentative Rescission Order (Discharger Only)
Notice of Public Hearing

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