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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS REVISING ORDER R5-2019-0038, US MINE CO., US MINE CO. IONE PLANT, AMADOR COUNTY**

On 9 April 2025, a copy of the tentative order to revise Waste Discharge Requirements Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2019-0038 for US Mine Ione Plant in Amador County was circulated and posted for comments. Persons wishing to comment on this matter were asked to submit their testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on 9 May 2025.

The enclosed document provides responses to written comments received by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board from interested persons. The revised orders are available on the [Tentative Orders website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/#amadorco) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/#amadorco](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/#amadorco)).

The tentative WDR order has been added to the agenda on the uncontested calendar for the **20 June 2023 Board Meeting**. The [final meeting agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) will be available at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item and indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items.

Please contact Natasha Vidic at [Natasha.Vidic@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Natasha.Vidic@waterboards.ca.gov) or 916 464 4614 with questions regarding the content of this letter, or you may contact me at [Brad.Shelton@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brad.Shelton@waterboards.ca.gov) or 916 464 1588.

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Enclosures:

- Response to Comments

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- Chuck Beatty and Planning Department, Amador County
- Mohammad Shahnewaz, Department of Conservation, Sacramento
- George Low, Central Valley Water Quality Control Board, Redding
- Jessica Jahr, State Water Quality Control Board, Sacramento