



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

03 October 2022

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VIA EMAIL
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT CA0085243**

FOR

**MERIDIAN BEARTRACK CO
ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE
CALAVERAS COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed are tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order for the Meridian Beartrack Co (Discharger), Royal Mountain King Mine (Facility). In accordance with the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing (Notice), written comments and evidence concerning the proposed Order must be submitted to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **3 November 2022**. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **3 November 2022** will not be accepted and incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) to consider adoption of the proposed Order at its **8/9 December 2022** Board Meeting. See the enclosed Notice for additional information about the Public Hearing. The Discharger must post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse, one (1) copy at the post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed), and one (1) copy at the public entrance to the Facility. Please post the Notice as soon as possible and provide proof of posting, using the enclosed form, by **18 October 2022**.

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative NPDES Permit package to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the document from the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](#)

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders). Copies of the document may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Orders, please contact Matt Richter at (916) 464-4745 or matthew.richter@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosures (3):

Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)
Notice of Public Hearing (Discharger Only)
Proof of Posting Form (Discharger Only)

cc:

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