

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
RICHARD SYKORA  
AND  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE  
RED INK MAID AND BIG SEAM MINE  
PLACER COUNTY

The Red Ink Maid and Big Seam Mine is an underground lode gold mine on land owned by the United States Government and administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service). The mining claims are about six miles southeast of Foresthill. Surface water drains to Mad Canyon, tributary to the Middle Fork of the American River. Richard Sykora, the mine operator, has applied for waste discharge requirements to operate the mine under Title 27, California Code of Regulations. The proposed WDRs include requirements for:

1. The proposed construction of a new waste dump #5 for discharge of waste rock.
2. Implementation of a surface water monitoring program.
3. Reclamation and closure of waste dumps #1-4 by 30 October 2009.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 6/7 Dec 2007  
TIME: 08:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200, Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Richard Sykora
- Forest Service

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such 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 November 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **5 November 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5 November 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water 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

Anyone having questions about the proposed item should contact **Jeff Huggins at (916) 464-4639**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. 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 Regional 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 Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) 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.

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Jack E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

**5 October 2007**