

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**BOARD ORDER NO. R6V-2003-048
WDID NO. 6B158020009**

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
BOARD ORDER NO. 6-97-003
FOR**

**STOCKDALE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC. AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT;
RANDSBURG PLACER MINE PROJECT**

_____Kern County_____

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. Discharger

Stockdale Investment Group, Inc. operated the Randsburg Placer Mine. The Regional Board adopted Board Order No. 6-97-03 on February 6, 1997 for the discharge from the site. A portion of the site is on private land and a portion of the site is on public land administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. For the purposes of this Regional Board Order (Order), Stockdale Investment Group, Inc. and the U.S. Department of the Interior, (BLM) are collectively referred to as the "Discharger."

2. Facility

The mine site is located approximately 1.7 miles northwest of Randsburg on Goler Road in Kern County in Section 22, T29S, R40E, MDB&M of the Fremont Valley Ground Water Basin (Department of Water Resources Hydrologic Unit No. 6-46).

The mine and associated facilities have been closed. Sampling during closure indicates that low concentrations of residual contaminants in soil at the site do not threaten surface water or underlying ground water.

3. Reasons for Action

The Discharger operated the facility from November 1997 until March 1998. The Discharger has closed and graded over the mine site and has requested that the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the discharge be rescinded. It is appropriate to rescind the WDRs because the sampling data and information provided indicate the site no longer threatens water quality and has been closed.

4. California Environmental Quality Act Compliance

This action is being taken by the Regional Board to rescind WDRs issued pursuant to the California Water Code and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources code, Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15321(a)(2), Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

5. Public Notification

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind WDRs for the Facility. The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of these WDRs.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Board Order No. 6-97-003 be rescinded.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on September 10, 2003.

HAROLD J. SINGER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER