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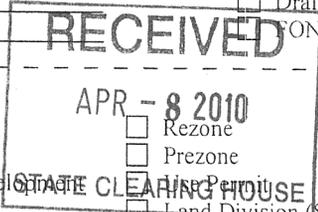
SCH #

Project Title: Adoption of NPDES permit for French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corp, Washington Mine
Lead Agency: Regional Water Quality Control Board **Contact Person:** Philip Woodward
Mailing Address: 415 Knollcrest Dr **Phone:** (530) 224-4853
City: Redding **Zip:** 96002 **County:** Shasta

Project Location: County: Shasta City/Nearest Community: French Gulch
 Cross Streets: French Gulch Road/Trinity Mountain Road Zip Code: 96033
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 40 ° 43 ' 10 " N / 122 ° 40 ' 50 " W Total Acres: <1
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 046-340-002 Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: Scorpion Gulch and French Gulch
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: NPDES permit | |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type Mine Drainage MGD 0.432 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Mining/Unclassified/Public Lands, Timber, Natural Resources Protection-Habitat

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project is the adoption of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to regulate the discharge of mine drainage from the Washington Mine. This is an existing underground gold mine which has been in intermittent operation since 1852. Historic, on-going mine drainage from mine portals contains elevated concentrations of natural minerals, including arsenic, has been entering Scorpion Gulch and French Gulch for decades. A water treatment system and conveyance pipelines will be constructed to collect and treat on-going and new discharges of mine drainage from the underground workings prior to discharge to surface waters. The collection and treatment of the historic and proposed mine drainage may improve current surface water quality. The proposed NPDES permit will contain requirements to assure the protection of water quality.

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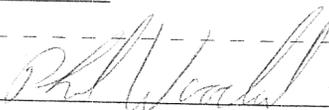
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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 8 April 2010 Ending Date 7 May 2010

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>French Gulch (Nevada) Mining Corp</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>P.O Box 106</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>French Gulch, CA 96033</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(530) 227-8691</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 4/7/10

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.