

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 0075**

AUTHORIZING TO ALLOCATE \$500,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (LAHONTAN WATER BOARD) FOR THE SPRING POND WATER TREATMENT PROJECT AT LEVIATHAN MINE (MINE)

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Mine is an abandoned sulfur mine on property owned by the State of California;
2. Historic mining activities have caused pollution problems, primarily from acid mine drainage (AMD) generated at the site, causing adverse water quality impacts in the Mine watershed;
3. Administrative Abatement Orders issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency require the Lahontan Water Board to prevent pond water containing AMD to overflow at the Mine;
4. Since 1987, the CAA has paid for various activities at the Mine to reduce or eliminate pollution;
5. Increased AMD flows and winter precipitation will cause the ponds at the Mine to overflow in spring 2007 if no action is taken;
6. Untreated and uncontrolled discharge from the ponds will harm aquatic life and create a human health hazard in Leviathan Creek and waters downstream;
7. The Lahontan Water Board proposes to conduct spring pond water treatment to prevent pond overflow;
8. Spring treatment cost estimates indicate up to \$500,000 may be needed to access the site over snow and treat enough pond water to prevent overflow; and
9. The Lahontan Water Board does not have budgeted funds to conduct the needed treatment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The State Water Resources Control Board approves \$500,000 from the CAA for the Spring Pond Water Treatment Project at Leviathan Mine.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 25, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc  
Gerald D. Secundy  
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.  
Charles R. Hoppin  
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk to the Board