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Dear Mr. Jennings:

PETITION OF CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE (WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0104 [NPDES ORDER NO. CA0085286] FOR THE SOPER COMPANY SPANISH MINE, NEVADA COUNTY), CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD: BOARD WORKSHOP NOTIFICATION
SWRCB/OCC FILE A-1948

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed order in the above-entitled matter. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a workshop on this proposed order on *Tuesday, September 15, 2009* commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. You will separately receive an agenda for this meeting.

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from stakeholders and the public regarding the proposed order. The State Water Board will take no final action on the proposed order at this workshop. After consideration of comments received prior to or at this workshop, the State Water Board may schedule the matter for final action at a subsequent State Water Board meeting.

At the workshop, interested persons will be allowed to comment orally on the proposed order, subject to the following time limits. The petitioner, Bill Jennings, discharger, Soper Company Spanish Mine, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will each be allowed five minutes for oral comment, with additional time for questions by the State Water Board members. Other interested persons will be allotted a lesser amount of time to address the State Water Board.

All comments shall be based solely upon evidence contained in the record or upon legal argument. Supplemental evidence will not be permitted except under the limited circumstances described in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050.6. Written comments on the draft order and any other materials to be presented at the workshop, including power point and

other visual displays, must be received by **12:00 noon, September 7, 2009**. Please indicate in the subject line, comments to A-1948—September 15, 2009 Board Workshop. Those comments must be addressed to:

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If there are any questions or comments, please contact Tim Regan, Senior Staff Counsel, in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 341-5172 or email tregan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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