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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2025-XXXX  
US MINE CORPORATION  
US MINE IONE CORPORATION IONE PLANT  
8625 HIGHWAY 24, IONE  
AMADOR COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

**DATE:** 19/20 June 2025  
**TIME:** 08:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Central Valley Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued.** A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website,

[Central Valley Water Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at  
([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/))

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the [GovDelivery subscription list](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html) at  
([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg5\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html)).

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable

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NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or [Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five 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. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing [opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Opportunities to Comment**

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

**Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 9 May 2025.** Please email any comments to Natasha Vidic, with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Order." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Natasha Vidic  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

**Oral comments** concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain **designated parties** may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The party subject to the proposed Order is a designated party. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to Central Valley Water no later than **5:00 p.m. on 9 May 2025**. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

### **Proposed Order**

If adopted, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2025-XXXX will prescribe requirements for management of waste discharged from US Mine Ione Plant. The Facility is owned and operated by US Mine Corporation (Discharger). The Discharger will be responsible for maintaining compliance with Order requirements. The facility is a sand, clay, and heavy minerals mining and processing operation regulated under authority given in Water Code section 13000 et seq.; and California Code of Regulations, Title 27 (Title 27), section 22470 et seq., and sections referenced therein.

The Facility's waste discharges are currently regulated under WDRs Order R5-2019-0038 available at [Adopted / Issued Orders | Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board](#)  
([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/#amador](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#amador))

If adopted, the proposed WDRs Order R5-2025-XXXX will rescind and replace the previous WDRs Order and will result in the changes in processing and discharge and recovery of clay tailings, among others.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders website](#), under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at  
([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)).

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 or by contacting the Board by phone at (916) 464-3291, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Natasha Vidic at 916 464 4614 or [Natasha.Vidic@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Natasha.Vidic@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Other Information**

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#)  
([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/))  
may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Meeting Procedures webpage](#) at  
([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)).

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Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or [Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov).

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