CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING

CHANGE OF NAME AND OWNERSHIP FOR RED DOG MINING AND RECLAMATION LLC

MINING, PROCESSING, AND RELAMATION
BLUE LEAD GOLD MINE
NEVADA COUNTY

Amended waste discharge requirements (WDRs) are tentatively being issued to Red Dog Mining and Reclamation, LLC as the new operator and owner, also known as the discharger (Discharger) for the Blue Lead Gold Mine (Facility) located at 18272 Red Dog Road in Nevada County (Nevada County Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 38-390-12, 38-390-20, and 38-390-21).

The Facility consists of an inactive open pit hydraulic mine (the former Boston Mine (aka Bunker Hill) and the Starr and Red Dog Mines). The site also includes access roads and miscellaneous operational areas. The amended Order updates and identifies the change in ownership and operators of the Facility.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 24/35 April 2025 TIME: To Be Determined

PLACE: Remote meeting via video and teleconference, and/or in-person

meeting at 1685 E. Street in Fresno, CA 93706

Additional information on participating in the public hearing can be found on the Regional Board Meeting Calendar webpage at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board info/meetings/).

This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate remotely. A majority of the Board Members will be physically present at the noticed meeting location above, consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public hearing should sign up for the GovDelivery e-mail list at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html).

Instructions for participating in the meeting will be posted 10 days prior to the meeting via the GovDelivery e-mail list.

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

Red Dog Mining, LLC

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **11 April 2025**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The amended WDRs were submitted for a 30-day public comment period on 12 March 2025 and comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on 11 April 2025. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on 11 April 2025 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any person requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Interested persons should contact Jeremy Hughes at jeremy.hughes@waterboards.ca.gov regarding this hearing item or to obtain a copy of the tentative Order and related documents. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The laws and regulations can be found at

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/).

Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Information on meeting procedures can be found at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board info/remote meeting/).

Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at

agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or by calling (916) 464-4839.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who is interested in this matter.

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