



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the Long Tom Placer Mine Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2007102 is:

Cascade Gold, LLC  
P.O. Box 12455  
Reno, Nevada 89510-2455

The facility is located on public and private land along Rockhill Canyon in Pershing County, within portions of Sections 13, 14, 15, and 24, Township 32 North, Range 36 East, and portions of Sections 19 and 30, Township 32 North, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 8 miles east-southeast of Mill City, Nevada.

The project consists of a physical separation facility (NAC 445A.414), designed to extract placer gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 200,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of a trommel, sluice box, excavated ponds, and pumps to supply and recycle make-up water obtained from Rockhill Creek. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the

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Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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