



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a New Manufacturing, Commercial, Mining and Silvicultural Discharge, permit number NV0024171 from the following applicant:

RODEO CREEK GOLD INC.
PO BOX 2610
WINNEMUCCA, NV - 894462610

Permit NV0024171, HOLLISTER MINE:

Rodeo Creek Gold, Inc. (RCGI) has applied for a new NPDES permit, NV0024171, to discharge groundwater captured from vertical, horizontal and/or angled boreholes located within the vicinity of the underground workings of the Hollister underground project located in Elko County, Nevada. Currently, treated mine water is conveyed by pipeline to Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) approximately 4.5 miles south of the mine. This operation is permitted under Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation's Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2003114. RCGI is anticipating an increase in discharge requirements from 694 gallons per minute (gpm) to 1,100 gpm to facilitate water disposal for future mining operations. The infiltration characteristics of the RIBs do not support the increase in discharge at the requested volume/rates. RCGI proposes to put in place a system of collection wells to capture a portion of the clean groundwater and, keeping it isolated from mining activity contamination, pump it via pipeline to North Antelope Creek (A.K.A Little Antelope Creek) for discharge. North Antelope Creek is a tributary to Rock Creek and the Humboldt River.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NV0024171 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 06/14/2013, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Michele Reid,

Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9434 or at mreid@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.