Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008082066

Project Title: Empire Mine SHP Conveyance Corridor Remediation (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-44456-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at the Conveyance Corridor to Little Wolf Creek, in the County of Nevada, State of California; Latitude 39.204377, Longitude - 121.050543; 10791 East Empire Street Grass Valley, CA 95945; Assessor's Parcel Number: 009-620-018-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed the Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number NEV-44456-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The project is limited to the grading and recontouring of the remnant mining tailings and the construction of a new high flow, impermeable HDPE lined channel. The channel would be approximately 1208 linear feet in length and 17 feet in width (0.45 acres), with an approximately 44-foot elevation difference between the inlet culvert at 2756.6 feet to the outlet culvert at 2531.8 feet elevation. The new channel will create a barrier between the contaminated tailings and the soil cover material, to prevent mobilization of contaminants and improve surface flow water quality in the Project Area and further downstream.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.

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- 2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of execution of the above Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Tanya Shiya	Date: 5/20/2024
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