

# NOTICE OF PRE-RULEMAKING WORKSHOPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SURFACE MINE INSPECTION GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND ASSOCIATED INSPECTION REGULATIONS (SECOND ROUND)

March 13, 2017

The Department of Conservation (Department), in conjunction with the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB), will be holding a second round of pre-rulemaking workshops to discuss the development of a surface mine Inspection Guidance Document and revisions to associated California Code of Regulations (CCR), including CCR §3504.5, regarding mine inspections. The workshops are part of an informal, pre-rulemaking process for developing the guidance document and regulation content with input from stakeholders. The Inspection Guidance Document and revisions to the CCR are required by §2774 of the Public Resources Code, as amended by Assembly Bill 1142, signed into law on April 18th, 2016 by Governor Brown.

The initial round of pre-rulemaking workshops focused on:

- Outlining the changes between the existing mine inspection requirements and the new statutes;
- Discussing major topics and challenges with Lead Agency staff, surface mine operators, trade associations and mining consultants in implementing the new mine inspection requirements; and,
- Soliciting input from interested parties that the Department and SMGB should consider in developing the associated regulations in preparation for the regular rulemaking process.

For the second round of pre-rulemaking workshops, the Department and SMGB prepared a discussion draft of the Inspection Guidance Document and a discussion draft of proposed regulations for CCR §3504.5 respectively. Discussion drafts of documents will be distributed via email in the coming days. During these workshops, we intend to solicit comments from the discussion draft of the Inspection Guidance Document and each Subsection of the §3504.5 draft text.

Workshop dates and venues are as follows:

March 21, 2017– 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Rural County Representatives of California  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

March 22, 2017 – 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency  
1255 East Street, Suite 202  
Redding, CA 96001

March 24, 2017 – 8:30AM - 12:00 PM  
Orange County Public Works  
300 N. Flower Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92703

Following the pre-rulemaking workshops and consideration of comments, the Inspection Guidance Document (Department) and regulations (SMGB) will each be available for public comment during their 45-day public review periods provided by the formal rulemaking processes. The Department and the SMGB will send notices of proposed actions to stakeholders at the beginning of the formal rulemaking periods.

The Department will be accepting written comments for the Inspection Guidance Document and for CCR §3504.5 regulations (on behalf of the SMGB) from both workshop attendees and those who won't be attending until April 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Comments may be provided to the Department by regular mail or email at:

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