

**NOTICE OF PRE-RULEMAKING WORKSHOPS  
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
FINANCIAL ASSURANCE COST ESTIMATE FORM**

September 07, 2016

The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) has publicly released pre-rulemaking draft regulations (Discussion Draft) for the purpose of receiving public input on the development of updates to the Board's Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Form (Form). **Public comment can be submitted through October 7, 2016.**

This comment period is part of an informal, pre-rulemaking process to develop Form content, and all interested parties are encouraged to participate. Enclosed with this notice is a Discussion Draft Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Form and associated instructions reflecting revisions to the existing Form contained in the SMGB's Financial Assurance Guidelines. This Discussion Draft Form, and any necessary regulatory changes, will be further developed based on comments received at three public workshops to be held September 20, 27, and October 4, 2016 in Sacramento, Redding, and Santa Ana, respectively.

September 20, 2016 – 8:30 AM – Noon  
Rural County Representatives of California  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

September 27, 2016 – 8:30 AM – Noon  
City of Redding Development Services Dept.  
Planning Division  
777 Cypress Avenue  
Civic Center Campus Community Room  
Redding, CA 96001

October 4, 2016 – 8:30AM – Noon  
Orange County Public Works  
300 N. Flower Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92703

The comments received at the public workshops and throughout the comment period will be reviewed and considered as the SMGB updates the draft Form. An updated draft Form and associated instructions will be made public when the SMGB commences a formal rulemaking process. Additional comment periods will be announced when the formal rulemaking process is noticed to the public.

Written submissions may be provided to the SMGB by regular mail or email at:

State Mining and Geology Board  
801 K Street, MS 20-15  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
ATTN: Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Form  
Email: [smgb@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:smgb@conservation.ca.gov)

If you are currently not on the mailing list for Board rulemakings but would like to be, please utilize the following link: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb/Pages/SMARAREform/index.aspx>

The update to the Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Form is a required SMGB action pursuant to Assembly Bill 1142, Public Resources Code Section 2773.1(a)(4), signed by the Governor on April 18, 2016.

This rulemaking process will impact all surface mining operations within the State by requiring the use of a standardized form for estimation of third party costs for the performance of reclamation.