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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

Article 6 of SMARA, commencing with PRC Section 2790, provides for the SMGB, based upon mineral information from the State Geologist pursuant to subdivision (c) of PRC Section 2761, to adopt in regulation specific geographic areas of the state as areas of statewide or regional mineral resource significance and specify the boundaries of those areas. PRC Section 2793 also provides a mechanism for the SMGB after a public hearing to terminate, partially or wholly, the designation of any area of state wide or regional significance on a finding that the direct involvement of the SMGB is not longer required.

The purpose of the amended regulations to Article 2 CCR Section 3550.5 is to clarify and make specific those mineral lands that are to be designated by the SMGB as having regional significance within the Palm Springs P-C Region, or areas where designation is to be terminated.

Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State of California: The purpose of the amended regulations to Article 2 CCR Section 3550.5 is to designate mineral lands of regional significance, and terminate designation of mineral lands previously designed as a result of the existing incompatible land use within the Palm Springs P-C Region. No jobs in California will be created or eliminated in regards to the proposed regulation, but rather serves as a planning tool for local government (counties and cities) and considering future land use as it relates to surface mining.

Creation of New or Elimination of Existing Businesses Within the State of California: The purpose of the amended regulations to Article 2 CCR Section 3550.5 is to designate mineral lands of regional significance, and terminate designation of mineral lands previously designed as a result of the existing incompatible land use within the Palm Springs P-C Region. The imposition of the proposed amendment will have no cost impact on small businesses. There will be no new businesses created or existing businesses eliminated. This regulation allows lead agencies to consider the regional significance of mineral lands designated by the SMGB when making land use decisions, but does not impose any fees or costs to business as part of that consideration.

Expansion of Businesses or Elimination of Existing Businesses Within the State of California: The purpose of the amended regulations to Article 2 CCR Section 3550.5 is to designate mineral lands of regional significance, and terminate designation of mineral lands previously designed as a result of the existing incompatible land use within the Palm Springs P-C Region. The imposition of the proposed new regulation will have no cost impact on businesses, and no existing businesses in California will be expanded or eliminated. The amendment to this regulation serve as a planning tool for local government (counties and cities) and considering future land use as it relates to surface mining.

Benefits of the Regulation: The purpose of the amended regulations to Article 2 CCR Section 3550.5 is to clarify and make specific those mineral lands that are to be designated by the SMGB as having regional significance within the Palm Springs P-C Region, or areas where designation is to be terminated. The proposed amendment will not adversely affect the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, or the State's environment. The adoption of this proposed new regulation will benefit the health and welfare of California residents and the state's environment by assuring that all ordinances are in accordance with state policy. The amendment to this regulation serve as a planning tool for local government (counties and cities) and considering future land use as it relates to surface mining.

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