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Notice of Public Hearing**THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD****Will Conduct a Public Hearing on:****Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 1:30 P.M.****LOCATION:****Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Salon A1
2233 Ventura Street
Fresno, CA 93721**

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL BY FRIENDS OF THE KING RIVER,
REGARDING THE PROPOSED CARMELITA MINE AND RECLAMATION
PROJECT WITHIN A DESIGNATED MINERAL RESOURCE AREA IN THE
COUNTY OF FRESNO,
PURSUANT TO THE SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT (SMARA;
Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 2710 et seq.)
(Specifically PRC 2775; California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections
3621 and 3628(a))**

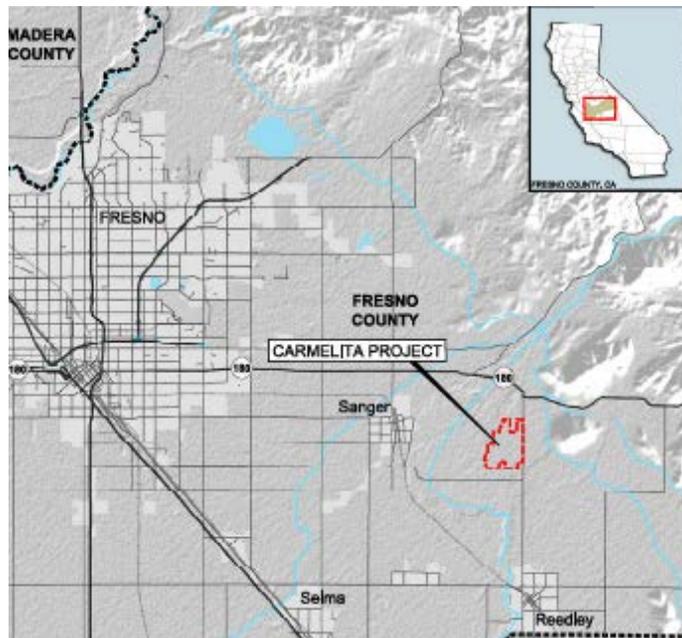
The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING as part of their regular business meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013, pursuant to the provisions of SMARA, to receive comments from the public and other interested parties on the decision of the County. The public hearing will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Salon A1, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, CA 93721. The SMGB will hear an appeal filed by Marsha A. Burch, Attorney at Law, on behalf of Friends of the Kings River (Petitioner) regarding the Carmelita Mine and Reclamation Project.

Mission of the State Mining and Geology Board is to Represent the State's Interest in the Development, Utilization and Conservation of Mineral Resources; Reclamation of Mined Lands; Development of Geologic and Seismic Hazard Information; and to Provide a Forum for Public Redress

On August 16, 2013, the Petitioner filed with the SMGB an Intent to Appeal a decision by the County to approve a reclamation plan and Conditional Use Permit for the Carmelita Mine and Reclamation Project (Project) on land designated by the SMGB to contain regionally significant mineral resources on the grounds that the permit and reclamation plan for the Project were not in compliance with SMARA and the County's Zoning Ordinance 858. The Petitioner has requested the SMGB to take jurisdiction for the appeal pursuant to SMARA, and specifically, PRC Section 2775(a).

The proposed project site is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County of Fresno and is within an area of statewide or regional significance. Specifically, the subject area is located within Sector K of the Fresno Production-Consumption Region (CCR Section 3550.13). Most of the site is currently in fruit plant production. The project is an aggregate surface mine with related processing plant, concrete and asphalt plants, and a recycling plant, situated on 886 acres of a 1,500-acre site which is further comprised of 14 parcels to be operated by Carmelita Resources. The remainder of the site comprising 614 acres will continue as fruit production. The project is anticipated to have a maximum production rate of 1.25 million tons of aggregate per year, with an operating life of 100 years.

The Carmelita Mine and Reclamation Project is located in an unincorporated area of south-central Fresno County, California, about 25 miles east of Fresno, and 6 miles east of Sanger (see map).



The SMGB invites Friends of the Kings River, Fresno County, Colony Land Company, L.P. (i.e., the project proponent), and the public to make statements regarding the decision of the County at the appeal hearing.

Questions regarding the public hearing should be addressed to Stephen Testa, Executive Officer, or Amy Scott, Executive Assistant, State Mining and Geology Board at 916/322-1082 or by e-mail at smgb@conservation.ca.gov.

[NOTE: Times are approximate. The chairman may alter the hearing start time or agenda item order during the meeting]