



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



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For Meeting Date: March 13, 2008

Agenda Item No. 7: Report on the County of Siskiyou SMARA Program [Information].

INTRODUCTION: The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB), based on reports previously provided by the Executive Officer, endorsed the concept of inviting lead agencies to make informal presentations, summarizing the overall status of their program pursuant to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), and their efforts and experiences, at SMGB meetings as geography and schedule permitted. The County of Siskiyou was invited to provide a synopsis of their SMARA program and current issues related to this program.

BACKGROUND: An overview of certain program elements of SMARA was presented at the Minerals and Geologic Resources Committee meeting held on September 14, 2006. The Committee was provided a review and status of the State's mineral resources management program and its components. During the Regular Business Meeting of the SMGB held on January 11, 2007, a preliminary report on the review of overall SMARA lead agency performance was provided. At its Regular Business Meeting held on May 10, 2007, a presentation was provided on the Classification and Designation Program. Two of these presentations have been published on the SMGB's website as Information Reports. Information Report 2007-01 is titled "*Report on SMARA Lead Agency Performance*". Information Report 2007-03 is titled "*A Review of the State's Mineral Resources Management Program and its Components -Status and Effectiveness of Review Efforts*". An Information Report summarizing the State's Classification and Designation Program is in progress. The SMGB has previously heard from other lead agencies, most recently, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Santa Clara County and Sacramento County.

Siskiyou County is one of the larger mining counties in California. In review of the Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) SMARA database, it currently produces sand and gravel, rocks, cinders, bituminous rock, pumice, dimension stone and gold (placer and lode). The County has about 62 mines within its jurisdiction, of which 41 are currently active, 3 closed, 17 reclaimed, and one noted as idle as of December 1, 2002.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: The information report being provided is for the SMGB's general information, and the Executive Officer makes no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

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