



# STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



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For Meeting Date: April 9, 2009

**Agenda Item No. 10: Presentation of Select 2008 SMARA Surface Mine Inspection Reports for Seventeen Surface Mining Operations for Acceptance Consideration by the State Mining and Geology Board.**

**INTRODUCTION:** The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) serves as the lead agency under SMARA for forty-eight (48) individual mining operations located in two counties (El Dorado County and Yuba County), twelve (12) San Francisco Bay dredging operations, and ten (10) cities that do not have mining ordinances. SMARA inspection reports for seventeen surface mining operations are being presented for acceptance consideration.

**MINE INSPECTION REPORTS FOR THE SMGB'S ACCEPTANCE CONSIDERATION:**

The 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports to be presented at the SMGB's April 9, 2009, regular business meeting for acceptance consideration by the SMGB are as follows:

- Bear Creek Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0001), El Dorado County.
- Chile Bar Slate Mine (CA Mine ID #91-09-0004), El Dorado County.
- Lawyer Pit (CA Mine ID #91-09-0010), El Dorado County.
- CEMEX Lapis Sand (CA Mine ID #91-27-0006), City of Marina.
- Hanson Alcatraz, Presidio, Point Knox (CA Mine ID #91-38-0001), BCDC.
- Hanson Point Knox South (CA Mine ID #91-38-0002), BCDC.
- Hanson Point Knox Shoal (CA Mine ID #91-38-0003), BCDC.
- Hanson Alcatraz South Shoal (CA Mine ID #91-38-0004), BCDC.
- Hanson Suisun Bay (CA Mine ID #91-38-0005), BCDC.
- Hanson Suisun Bay Middleground (CA Mine ID #91-38-0006), BCDC.
- Jerico Suisun Bay Middleground (CA Mine ID #91-38-0007), BCDC.
- CEMEX Carquinez Straits (CA Mine ID #91-38-0008), BCDC.
- CEMEX Alcatraz Sand Shoal (CA Mine ID #91-38-0009), BCDC.
- CEMEX Suisun Bay Middleground (CA Mine ID #91-38-00010), BCDC.
- Morris Tug & Barge Marine Oyster Shell Mining (CA Mine ID #91-38-00011), BCDC.
- San Francisco Marina Dredging Operation (CA Mine ID #91-38-0012), BCDC.
- Sperbeck Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-58-0004), Yuba County.

A summary of violations and corrective measures per surface mining operation is presented below.



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Bear Creek Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0001), El Dorado County: One violation was noted at time of inspection, December 12, 2008, regarding the failure to provide a current financial assurance cost estimate.

Chile Bar Slate Mine (CA Mine ID #91-09-0004), El Dorado County: One violation was noted at time of inspection, December 30, 2008, regarding the failure to provide a current financial assurance cost estimate.

Lawyer Pit (CA Mine ID #91-09-0010), El Dorado County: One violation was noted at time of inspection, December 17, 2008, regarding the failure to provide an adequate financial assurance.

It is recommended that the operator provide an adequate FACE to the SMGB for review, and upon approval, provide an adequate replacement financial assurance mechanism.

CEMEX Lapis Sand Mine (CA Mine ID #91-27-0006), City of Marina: One violation was noted at time of inspection, December 23, 2008, regarding the failure to provide a current financial assurance cost estimate for reclamation of the site, as required per CCR 3804(c).

Hanson Alcatraz, Presidio, Point Knox (CA Mine ID #91-38-0001), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 2, 2009.

Hanson Point Knox South (CA Mine ID #91-38-0002), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 2, 2009.

Hanson Point Knox Shoal (CA Mine ID #91-38-0003), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 2, 2009.

Hanson Alcatraz South Shoal (CA Mine ID #91-38-0004), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 2, 2009.

Hanson Suisun Bay (CA Mine ID #91-38-0005), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 3, 2009.

Hanson Suisun Bay Middleground (CA Mine ID #91-38-0006), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 3, 2009.

Jerico Suisun Bay Middleground (CA Mine ID #91-38-0007), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 3, 2009.

CEMEX Carquinez Straits (CA Mine ID #91-38-0008), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 3, 2009.



CEMEX Alcatraz Sand Shoal (CA Mine ID #91-38-0009), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 4, 2009.

CEMEX Suisun Bay Middleground (CA Mine ID #91-38-0010), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 4, 2009.

Morris Tug & Barge Marine Oyster Shell Mining (CA Mine ID #91-38-0011), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 4, 2009.

San Francisco Marina Dredging Operation (CA Mine ID #91-38-0012), BCDC: No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of review, March 4, 2009.

Sperbeck Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-58-0004), Yuba County: One violation was noted at time of inspection, November 25, 2008, regarding lack of a current financial assurance cost estimate for reclamation of the site, as required per CCR 3804(c).

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The Executive Officer recommends that the SMGB accept the seventeen 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports, and transmit the findings contained therein to their respective local lead agency and each mine operator.

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:**

To accept seventeen 2008 SMARA surface mine inspection reports:

*Mr. Chairman, in light of the information before the SMGB today, I move that the SMGB accept the seventeen 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports, and transmit the findings to the respective local lead agencies and each mine operator. These surface mining operations are the Bear Creek Quarry, Chile Bar Slate Mine, Lawyer Pit, CEMEX Lapis Sand Plant, Hanson Alcatraz, Presidio, Point Knox, Hanson Point Knox South, Hanson Point Knox Shoal, Hanson Alcatraz South Shoal, Hanson Suisun Bay, Hanson Suisun Bay Middleground, Jerico Suisun Bay Middleground, CEMEX Carquinez Straits, CEMEX Alcatraz Sand Shoal, CEMEX Suisun Bay Middleground, Morris Tug & Barge Marine Oyster Shell Mining, San Francisco Marina Dredging Operation, and Sperbeck Quarry.*

Respectfully submitted:

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