



# **STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**



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For Meeting Date: November 12, 2009

### **Agenda Item No. 9: Presentation of Select 2009 SMARA Surface Mine Inspection Reports for Six 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 (40) individual mining operations located in two counties (El Dorado County and Yuba County), nine (9) San Francisco Bay dredging operations, and ten (10) cities that do not have mining ordinances. SMARA inspection reports for six surface mining operations within the County of El Dorado are being presented for acceptance consideration.

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

The 2009 SMARA mine inspection reports to be presented at the SMGB's November 12, 2009, regular business meeting for acceptance consideration are as follows:

- Bear Creek Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0001), El Dorado County.
- Cool Cave Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0005), El Dorado County.
- Timm Mine (CA Mine ID #91-09-0006), El Dorado County.
- Somerset Sand Mine (CA Mine ID #91-09-0009), El Dorado County.
- Snows Road Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0012), El Dorado County.
- Marin Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0015), El Dorado County.

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

#### **Bear Creek Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0001), El Dorado County:**

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on October 22, 2009.

#### **Cool Cave Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0005), El Dorado County:**

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on October 29, 2009.

The operator is required to submit a revised financial assurance cost estimate to the SMGB per CCR Section 3804(c).



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Timm Mine (CA Mine ID #91-09-0006), El Dorado County:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on October 22, 2009.

Somerset Sand Mine (CA Mine ID #91-09-0009), El Dorado County:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on October 22, 2009.

It is recommended that the operator provide a summary of revegetation test plot findings for review in order to determine if further test plot activities should be conducted.

Snows Road Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0012), El Dorado County:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on October 29, 2009.

Marin Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-09-0015), El Dorado County:

No violations were noted at time of inspection on October 28, 2009. One corrective measure was noted at time of inspection regarding the need to repair gullying of the intervening bench surface on the southern fill slope. The operator provided photographic documentation that such repairs were completed immediately following the inspection.

The following recommendations are offered:

- The operator should provide a revised financial assurance cost estimate for the site per CCR Section 3804(c).
- The operator should provide an Interim Management Plan (IMP) to the SMGB for review and approval consideration per PRC Section 2770(h).

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The Executive Officer recommends that the SMGB accept the six 2009 SMARA mine inspection reports, and transmit the findings contained herewith to their respective local lead agency and each surface mine operator.

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:**

To accept six 2009 SMARA surface mine inspection reports:

*Mr. Chairman, in light of the information before the SMGB today, I move that the SMGB accept six 2009 SMARA mine inspection reports, and transmit the findings to the respective local lead agencies and each surface mine operator. These surface mining operations are the Bear Creek Quarry, Cool Cave Quarry, Timm Mine, Somerset Sand Mine, Snows Road Quarry and Marin Quarry.*

Respectfully submitted:

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