



# STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

## Minerals and Geologic Resources Committee

Robert Tepel, Chair; Brian Baca; John Lane; Charlie Wyatt

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: March 10, 2011

#### **Agenda Item No. 2: Consideration of a Revised Form for Classification Petitions.**

**INTRODUCTION:** Petitions may be brought before the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) by any individual or organization to classify mineral lands that are claimed to contain significant mineral deposits pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 2761(b). Currently, the form used by a petitioner for classifying mineral lands serves for both classification and designation. The requirements for a petition to classify mineral lands differ from that required for designation, thus, the Minerals and Geologic Resources Committee (Committee) is considering revisions to its form for Petition for Classification-Designation of Mineral Lands, and that the form to be used for classification petitions is solely used for such purpose.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** PRC Section 2761 states:

*“(b) In accordance with a time schedule, and based upon guidelines adopted by the board, the State Geologist shall classify, on the basis solely of geologic factors, and without regard to existing land use and land ownership, the areas identified by the Office of Planning and Research, any area for which classification has been requested by a petition which has been accepted by the board, or any other areas as may be specified by the board, as one of the following:*

- (1) Areas containing little or no mineral deposits.*
- (2) Areas containing significant mineral deposits.*
- (3) Areas containing mineral deposits, the significance of which requires further evaluation.*

*The State Geologist shall require the petitioner to pay the reasonable costs of classifying an area for which classification has been requested by the petitioner.*

*(c) The State Geologist shall transmit the information to the board for incorporation into the state policy and for transmittal to lead agencies.”*

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:** The proposed revised form is for the Committee's discussion and consideration, and no recommendations are offered at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

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