STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: July 11, 2013

Agenda Item No. 9: Annual Discussion of the State Mining and Geology Board's Strategic Plan.

INTRODUCTION: Initially adopted on March 13, 1997, the SMGB's Strategic Plan (Plan) has been periodically reviewed and re-adopted in November 2000, March 2007, and most recently in November 2010. The Plan presents a Mission Statement supported by six Goals. Each of the Goals is sustained by a list of Strategies for achieving those Goals. The Strategies in turn require specific Objectives (tasks) to be performed. At its June 13, 2013 regular business meeting, the SMGB commenced discussion of its Plan and offered comments. The SMGB will further discuss and consider adoption of its updated Strategic Plan.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: The SMGB's enabling statutes pertaining to the general role of the SMGB and Department of Conservation is provided in Division 1, Public Resources Code Sections 660-678.

In regards to representation of state interests, Division 1 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) Chapter 2, Section 672 states:

> "*The board shall represent the state's interest in the development, utilization, and conservation of the mineral resources of the state and the reclamation of mined lands, as provided by law, and federal matters pertaining to mining, and shall determine, establish, and maintain an adequate surface mining and reclamation policy. The board shall also represent the state's interest in the development of geological information necessary to the understanding and utilization of the state's terrain, and seismological and geological information pertaining to earthquake and other geological hazards. General policies for the division shall be determined by the board.*"

In regards to technical research programs, Division 1 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) Chapter 2, Section 675 states:

> "*The board may provide for a statewide program of research regarding the technical phases of reclaiming mined lands which may be delegated to it by law and may accept funds from the United States or from any person to aid in carrying out the provisions of this section. The board may conduct such a program independently or by contract or in cooperation with any person, public or private organization, federal agency, or state agency, including any political subdivision of the state.*"

In regards to public information programs, Division 1 of PRC Chapter 2, Section 676 states:

> "*The board shall provide for a public information program on matters involving the state's terrain, mineral resources, mining, the reclamation of mined lands, and the seismological and geological aspects of earthquakes and other geological hazards*."

In regards to administrative activities, Division 1 of PRC Chapter 2, Section 673 states:

> "*The board shall also serve as a policy and appeals board for the purposes of Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 2621) of Division 2.*"

In regards to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, Article 4 of PRC Section 2757, also provides some guidance when the SMGB considers adopting state policy, which has some influence in considering goals and objectives for the Plan. PRC Section 2757 states:

> "*The state policy adopted by the board shall be based upon a study of the factors that significantly affect the present and future condition of mined lands, and shall be used as standards by lead agencies in preparing specific and general plans, including the conservation and land use elements of the general plan and zoning ordinances. The state policy shall not include aspects of regulating surface mining operations which are solely of local concern, and not of statewide or regional concern, and as determined by the board, such as, but not limited to, hours of operation, noise, dust, fencing, and purely aesthetic considerations.*"

BACKGROUND: Initially adopted on March 13, 1997, the SMGB's Strategic Plan has been periodically reviewed and re-adopted in November 2000, March 2007, and most recently in November 2010. The Plan presents a Mission Statement supported by six Goals. Each of the Goals is sustained by a list of Strategies for achieving those Goals. The Strategies in turn require specific Objectives (tasks) to be performed. The various Goals and Objectives set forth in the Plan are accomplished through the SMGB and its committees and staff, or through partnerships with the Department of Conservation (DOC), California Geological Survey (CGS), Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR), professional organizations and societies, among other stakeholders and groups.

The Plan was last adopted by the SMGB at their November 10, 2010 regular business meeting. Updates to the Plan at that time included:

- Revision and incorporation of additional objectives to Goal Numbers I through VI to reflect discussions held among the SMGB members, and comments received from stakeholders and staff, at the SMGB's May 14, 2009 regular business meeting;

- Additions to sections addressing budget and staffing perspective, and targets for the upcoming year;

- Revision to the organization chart; and

- Revisions to Attachment B that provide an overview of the SMGB's Plan, Strategies and Objectives, specific ownership per goals, and status as of October 2009.

Before the SMGB is an updated version for review and eventual adoption consideration. Information pertaining to budget and staffing have been updated, in addition to Attachments A and B. Suggested revisions as discussed during the SMGB's June 13, 2013 regular business meeting have also been incorporated.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS: The SMGB's Strategic Plan is for the SMGB's review and discussion, and eventual adoption consideration. Should the SMGB decide to adopt the Plan at this time, the following motion is offered:

Adoption of the SMGB's Strategic Plan:

> *Mr. Chairman, I move that the SMGB, in light of the evidence presented before it today and contained in the Executive Officer's Report, move to adopt [or conditionally adopt with revision] the Board's revised Strategic Plan dated July 11, 2013.*

Respectfully submitted:

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Executive Officer