



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: September 12, 2013

Agenda Item No. 7: Discussion of the State Mining and Geology Board's 2012-013 Annual Report.

INTRODUCTION: Existing law requires various written reports to be prepared and submitted by State and local agencies to the Legislature and the Governor. The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) is legislatively mandated to prepare annual reports to the Legislature pursuant to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA). The Executive Officer is preparing the SMGB's annual report for 2012-2013. The SMGB is considering proposed conclusions and recommendations to be incorporated in the report.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), Public Resources Code (PRC) , Division 2, Chapter 9, Section 2710 et seq. requires the SMGB to provide an annual report on actions taken pursuant to SMARA. Specifically, PRC Section 2717(a) states:

"The board shall submit to the Legislature on December 1st of each year a report on the actions taken pursuant to this chapter during the preceding fiscal year. The report shall include a statement of the actions, including legislative recommendations, that are necessary to carry out more completely the purposes and requirements of this chapter."

BACKGROUND: Annual Reports are prepared for the State Legislature pursuant to PRC Section 2717(a). These reports are typically due by December 1. The SMGB's Annual Report for 2012-2013 will include a summary of salient activities, events and achievements, during the period from July 1, 2012 to June 31, 2013.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS: The information being discussed is preliminary in nature. No recommendations are being offered at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

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