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OFFICIAL NOTICE

STAFF OF THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

Will conduct an informal pre-rulemaking workshop to discuss draft regulatory language for determining surface mining operations that are exempt from the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act under Public Resources Code section 2714 (f):

Thursday, August 18th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

This workshop will be held via video conference and will be recorded.

To avoid any background noises while the workshop is in session, we ask that you mute your device. To join the workshop, please download the latest version of MS Teams by visiting their website at <https://aka.ms/getteams> or install the MS Teams app on your phone. After installing MS Teams on your device click on the [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) link to join the workshop (**Meeting ID: 249 932 319 466 and Passcode: pDEiLN**). You may also join us by phone by dialing (916) 318-8892 and entering the Phone Conference ID Number: **894 575 170#**.

For questions or comments regarding this workshop, please contact the Board by email at smgb@conservation.ca.gov. This Notice, the agenda, and the presentation can be accessed at the SMGB's web site at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb>.



WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. 10:00am - Introduction and Announcements (Schmidt)

This workshop is part of an informal, pre-rulemaking process for regulations that govern the procedures used to determine surface mining operations that are exempt from the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act under Public Resources Code (PRC) section 2714 (f).

2. 10:05am - Presentation and Discussion (Fry)

A. Present draft regulatory language for PRC § 2714(f)

B. Solicit input and comments on draft regulatory language for PRC § 2714(f)

3. 11:00am - Announcements and Future Workshops (Schmidt)

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

This informal pre-rulemaking meeting will be conducted by staff and is not a meeting of the Board for purposes of the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act. Board members may attend the meeting as observers, but may not participate during the meeting.

The Board operates within the Department of Conservation under the Natural Resources Agency and is granted responsibilities and obligations under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975. Under this Act, *Public Resources Code Sections 2710 et seq. and its regulations at 14 California Code of Regulations Section 3500 et seq.*, the Board provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy to assure that adverse environmental impacts are minimized, and mined lands are reclaimed. SMARA also encourages the production, conservation, and protection of the State's mineral resources. All Board related information is available at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb>.

Staff encourages the submittal of comments, written material, or technical reports related to this workshop. All such material concerning any matters on the Workshop, Notice, Agenda and Presentation can be submitted to: smgb@conservation.ca.gov or addressed to:

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