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California Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Forum Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Meeting Location

California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South (2nd Floor Conference Room) Sacramento, CA 95825

Conference Line #: 800-369-1957
Pass Code: 37065

The AML Forum provides a venue for discussion and coordination on water quality, safety and environmental hazard issues that agencies and other groups face with AML remediation projects in California. For information and prior meeting minutes and agendas, please visit: www.conservation.ca.gov/omr/abandoned _mine_lands/Pages/amlu_forum.aspx.

DRAFT AGENDA

Time/Duration	Agenda Item	
10:00 (0:05)	1.	Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements (Cy Oggins, Abandoned Mine Lands Unit [AMLU]/All)
10:05 (0:05)	2.	Review of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes (All)
		Objective: Review proposed agenda (order, topics, and timing) and address any questions on the previous meeting minutes.
10:10 (0:10)	3.	Legislation/Stimulus Project Update (Cy Oggins, AMLU/All)
		Objective: Keep Forum members current on the status of any recent or proposed AML-related legislation.
10:20 (0:25)	4.	Cleaning Up Abandoned Mines in California Good Samaritan (Tim Vendlinski, Sustainable Conservation)
		Objective: Review "Good Samaritan" accomplishments and opportunities in Utah and California.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA: AFTER, DURING, & BEFORE

Objective: To discuss three U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
Brownfields Program-related projects: (1) one project scheduled to be completed in 2009; (2) a second, ongoing project; and (3) a third set of projects for which applications for 2009 Brownfields Cleanup grants were recently submitted.

10:45 (0:25)
 5. City of Nevada City Brownfields Assessment Results (Carrie Monohan, Friends of Deer Creek)
 Nevada City, in partnership with The Friends of Deer Creek and other partners, used Brownfields assessment funds to evaluate

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whether abandoned mine sites in the city are safe as future recreation areas. Grant funds were utilized to assess properties, prioritize sites for cleanup, and analyze cleanup options for minescarred lands. The project also strengthened local partnerships through community outreach activities. (Source: www.epa.gov/region09/waste/features/nevada-city/index.html.)

11:10 (0:10) **BREAK**

11:20 (0:25) 6. Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Brownfields
Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant: Arsenic
Relative Bioavailability Study (Perry Myers, DTSC)

The goal of the Study is to determine the range of arsenic bioavailability that may exist in contaminated soil at former abandoned mine land (AML) sites and develop better methods to determine the human health effects caused by exposure to arsenic. The Study is also intended to develop an assessment tool that would allow risk assessors to reliably predict the in-vivo relative risk based bioavailability of arsenic in soil in a scientifically sound, defensible and cost effective manner. (Source: www.dtsc.ca.gov/InformationResources/Arsenic Relative Study.cfm.)

7. Brownfields Cleanup Grant Applications for Plumas-Eureka State Park (Greg Marquis, AMLU; Syd Brown, Department of Parks and Recreation [State Parks]; & Sandy Karinen, DTSC).

On October 16, 2009, the AMLU, State Parks, and DTSC submitted joint applications for Brownfields Cleanup grants to the USEPA to remediate three sites (an ADA Accessible Area, a Picnic Area, and a Historic Powerhouse Site) within the Jamison Creek Day Use Area in Plumas-Eureka State Park. The sites are where a mill was built in the 1870s to process sulphuret ore (ore bound with gold to sulfide minerals).

12:10 (0:10) **8. Other Items / New Business** (All)

<u>Objective</u>: Afford Forum members opportunities to discuss items of interest that are not on the formal agenda.

12:20 (0:10) 9. Summary of Action Items from Meeting and Future Meeting and Agenda Ideas (Cy Oggins, AMLU; All)

Objective: Accurately summarize items from the meeting that require further action or discussion, list items for further action, and identify responsible party(ies) and due date(s). Discuss potential agenda items and location for next meeting (usually third Wednesday of the month beginning with February)

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