

**AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF TAPE RECORDED MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

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The Planning Commission of the County of Amador met at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Byrne.

**THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

Planning Commissioners: Ray Lindstrom, District I  
Dave Wardall, District II  
Denise Tober, District III  
Andy Byrne, District IV  
Ray Ryan, District V

Staff: Susan C. Grijalva, Planning Director

**NOTE:** The Staff Report packet prepared for the Planning Commission is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any Staff Report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions or recommendations which are referred to by Commissioners in their action motions on project decisions which are contained in the Staff Reports are part of these minutes. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes. The recording tapes of this meeting are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference and are stored in the Amador County Planning Department.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**B. Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**C. Minutes:**

It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Tober, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 as presented.

**D. Correspondence:** Item 1: Letter dated December 13, 2013 from Eagle's Nest Airport.

**E. Public Matters not on the Agenda:** David Wardall, as a member of the public, stated he was an airport inspector for three years and has been involved with airport safety for 35-40 years. He stated the Amador County Airport is a bad example of an airport and surrounding land uses. There is a good example of an airport and surrounding land uses in the west end of the County.

**F. Recent Board Actions:** Susan Grijalva announced the Board of Supervisors did not extend the Temporary Off-site Direction Sign Ordinance because no applications were submitted during the two years it was in effect.

**G. Planning Commission:** Election of Officers and Agricultural Advisory Committee Member and Alternate for 2013

**Chairman:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Tober as Chairman.

Chairman Byrne passed the gavel to newly elected Chairman Tober.

**Vice Chairman:** It was moved by Commissioner Byrne seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Ryan as Vice Chairman.

**Agricultural Advisory Committee:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Byrne and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Lindstrom as the Agricultural Advisory Committee representative.

**Recording Secretary:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Byrne and unanimously carried to elect Planning Staff as the Planning Commission Recording Secretary.

**Agricultural Advisory Committee Alternate:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom and carried to elect Commissioner Byrne as the alternate to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Abstain: Commissioner Byrne

Public Hearings

Item 1 - Continued - Request for approval of Interim Management Plan for the Brown Ranch Pit as part of a request pursuant to SB 108 to return the mine to idle status.

**MINE OPERATOR:** Gladding McBean Co., a division of PABCO Clay Products, LLC  
**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT II**

**LOCATION:** Southwest off the end of Mustang Alley, west of the Eagle's Nest  
Airstrip off Carbondale Rd., approximately 6 miles northwest of the City of Lone.

Commissioner Wardall stated he was an adjacent property owner and stepped down and left the room due to a potential conflict of interest.

Susan C. Grijalva, Planning Director, summarized the staff report which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes as though set forth in full.

Chairman Tober opened the public hearing.

Greg Stevenson, Gladding McBean, was available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Lindstrom asked if there were plans for the mine to become active again. Mr. Stevenson stated the company is currently reviewing the needs and usage of products and does anticipate the mine will begin operations soon.

Chairman Tober asked about access through Sacramento County. Mr. Stevenson confirmed the access to the mine is through Sacramento County.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Byrne and carried to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Ryan stated the Office of Mine Reclamation reviewed the plan and had no issues with it.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Byrne and carried to find the Interim Management Plan meets the requirements of SMARA and County Code Chapter 7.36; approve the IMP for a period of 5 years; and further finds the approval of the IMP is not a project as defined by CEQA and therefore a Categorical Exemption shall be adopted and filed with the County Recorder.

Absent: Commissioner Wardall

*NOTE: Susan Grijalva, Planning Director, announced the Planning Commission approved the Interim Management Plan. Anyone wishing to appeal the Commission's decision may do so by submitting a letter of appeal along with the appropriate appeal fee to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014.*

**Adjournment:** At 7:17 p.m., Chairman Tober adjourned this meeting of the Planning Commission, to meet again on February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

/s/

Denise Tober, Chairman  
Amador County Planning Commission

/s/

Heidi Jacobs, Recording Secretary  
Amador County Planning Department

/s/

Susan C. Grijalva, Planning Director  
Amador County Planning Department

**EAGLE'S NEST AIRPORT  
EAGLE'S NEST OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Curtis Holmes, Vice-President

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December 13, 2013

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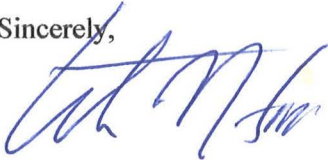
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RE: Brown Ranch Pit & Gladding McBean Co., division of PABCO Clay Products, LLC

The operation of a clay pit near the Eagle's Nest Airport is a fully compatible activity. Accordingly, we support this request.

Sincerely,



Curtis Holmes, Vice President