

**STAFF REPORT TO AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY MAY 12, 2015**

**CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM NO. 1 – REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF INTERIM
MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMITTED FOR THE NORTH BUCKEYE MINE PURSUANT TO
COUNTY CODE SECTION 7. 36.185 AND PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 2770.**

MINE OPERATOR: Industrial Minerals Co.

PROPERTY OWNER: Bonnie M. Brown DuFrene Family Trust

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: II

LOCATION: Off Pony Brown Rd. in Sacramento County and Clay Pit Rd. in Amador
County, about 4 miles northwest of Ione.

DESCRIPTION: The mine operator submitted the attached Interim Management Plan (IMP) which sets forth the measures that will be taken to maintain the mine site in a stable condition and ensure health and safety measures are implemented until operations resume. An IMP can be approved for a period of 5 years and may be renewed for two additional 5 year periods, if necessary [PRC §2770 (h)(2)].

Staff submitted the proposed IMP to the State Department of Conservation-Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) for review and comment. Any comments received from OMR prior to the meeting will be considered for incorporation into the IMP. No comments have been received as of May 6, 2015.

Due to processing delays approval of the IMP by the Planning Commission would be for a term of 5 years commencing from April 1, 2011 as that is the point in time the mine became “idle.”

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Find the IMP meets the requirements of SMARA and County Code Chapter 7.36; approve the IMP for a period of 5 years (commencing from April 1, 2011, the point in time the mine became “idle”); and further find 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. The approval of an Interim Management Plan is not a "project" and is exempt because it is a ministerial, not a discretionary, action. {PRC 21080(b)(1); CCR 15060(c)(1); PRC 2770(h)(1)}