

**STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FOR MEETING OF: MAY 9, 2017**

**ITEM 2 – REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMITTED FOR THE NORTH CARBONDALE MINE PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 7.36.185 AND PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 2770, TO MAINTAIN THE MINE SITE WHILE OPERATIONS ARE IDLE.**

**MINE OPERATOR:** Ione Rock (Randy Moore, representative)

**PROPERTY OWNER:** Lucich Family Revocable Trust

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** II

**LOCATION:** 800 Carbondale Road, approximately 1.8 miles north of Michigan Bar Road

**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)(1)].

Staff submitted the proposed IMP to the State Department of Mine Reclamation (DMR) for review and comment. DMR found the IMP Renewal sufficient to meet the minimum requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) for idle mine operations. DMR offered no other comments.

Approval of the IMP by the Planning Commission would be for a term of 5 years commencing from November 20, 2015, 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 November 20, 2015); 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)}

**Please contact the Planning Department at 209-223-6380 or email [planning@amadorgov.org](mailto:planning@amadorgov.org) to request the Entire Staff Report Packet.**



March 28, 2017

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**NORTH CARBONDALE MINE, CALIFORNIA MINE ID# 91-03-0002  
INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Dear Mr. Beatty:

The Division of Mine Reclamation (DMR) reviewed the Interim Management Plan (IMP) submittal for the North Carbondale Mine. The project site is located northwest of Lone. The operator, Lone Rock, has submitted the IMP pursuant to PRC Section 2770(h)(1). According to the information provided by the operator, the mine became idle in 2015. The reestablishment of large scale mining will depend on test results of material recently mined and the development of markets.

The IMP appears to describe adequate measures to maintain the site in compliance with the reclamation plan and SMARA while idle. The DMR has no substantive comments on the IMP. For additional information on IMP renewal requirements, consult PRC Section 2770(h).

If you have any questions on these comments or require any assistance with other mine reclamation issues, please contact DMR staff at (916) 323-9198.

Sincerely,

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