

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

**ITEM 3 – REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN  
RENEWAL FOR THE SOUTH ARKANSAS CREEK MINE PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE  
SECTION 7.36.185 AND PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 2770.**

**MINE OPERATOR:** Crosspointe 2, LLC (Jason Smith, representative)

**PROPERTY OWNERS:** Sandra Ballard and Crosspointe 2, LLC

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: II**

**LOCATION:** On the south side of Hwy 16 approximately 1.5 miles east of the Sacramento/Amador County line.

**DESCRIPTION:** The mine operator submitted the attached Interim Management Plan (IMP) Renewal, which sets forth the measures that will be continued in order 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)]. The original IMP was approved in 2015 for the 2011-2016 period.

Staff submitted the proposed IMP Renewal 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 Renewal by the Planning Commission would be for a term of 5 years commencing from November, 2016 as that is the point in time the original IMP expired.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** Find the IMP Renewal meets the requirements of SMARA and County Code Chapter 7.36; approve the IMP Renewal for a period of 5 years (commencing from November, 2016; and further find the approval of the IMP Renewal 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 IMP Renewals 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)}



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**VIA EMAIL:** [REDACTED]  
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SOUTH ARKANSAS CREEK MINE, CALIFORNIA MINE ID# 91-03-0029  
INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN RENEWAL

Dear Mr. Beatty:

The Division of Mine Reclamation (DMR) reviewed the Interim Management Plan (IMP) renewal submittal for the South Arkansas Creek Mine. The project site is located on the south side of Highway 16, 1.5 miles east of the Amador/Sacramento County line. The operator, Crosspointe 2 LLC, has submitted the IMP pursuant to PRC Section 2770(h)(1). According to the information provided, the mine became idle in 2011. The original IMP was in place from November 2011 – November 2016.

DMR has no comments at this time. The IMP appears to contain sufficient information to describe anticipated site conditions and management activities while the mine is idle and meets the minimum requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). Consult PRC Section 2770(h) for additional information on IMP requirements.

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,

Beth Hendrickson, Manager  
Environmental Services Unit

Ian Stevenson, Manager  
Engineering Geology Unit

## CROSSPOINTE 2, LLC

March 22nd, 2017

Susan Grijalva  
Planning Director  
Amador County Planning Dept.  
810 Court Street  
Jackson, CA 95642

RE: South Arkansas Creek Interim Management Plan

Dear Susan,

In 2011, the South Arkansas Creek Mine Site (Mine ID #91-03-0029) became idle and subsequently in 2014, an Interim Management Plan was approved for the site. Since that time, there have been no changes to the production or conditions on site and it remains idle.

SMARA allows for an initial IMP time period of five years. Following the five-year IMP period, the IMP can be renewed two additional times, for a total of three five-year periods or 15 years. The South Arkansas Creek Mine has just completed the initial five-year IMP.

Crosspointe 2 LLC, is requesting the first IMP five-year renewal for the South Arkansas Creek Mine. The IMP elements appear to be effective in maintaining the site and it is requested that the IMP elements remain in effect for the term of the renewal, or until which time changes are determined to be necessary.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

Best regards,



Jason Smith  
Crosspointe 2, LLC  
Project Manager