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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECORDATION OF A ) RESOLUTION NO. 14-016  
NOTICE OF RECLAMATION PLAN APPROVAL )  
PURSUANT TO THE SURFACE MINING AND )  
RECLAMATION ACT, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE )  
SECTION 2772.7 FOR THE EDWIN MINE OPERATED )  
BY ARA EDWIN CLAYS, LLC – DRY CREEK LANDS, )  
LLC; EDWIN LANDS, LLC; GREENROCK RANCH )  
LANDS, LLC; AND SPECIALTY GRANULES, LLC IN IONE )

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2014 the Amador County Board of Supervisors, approved an administrative minor amendment to the previously approved reclamation plan (RP-77-6) for the ARA Edwin Clays, LLC’s, Edwin Mine; and

WHEREAS, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, Public Resources Code, Section 2772.7 requires the lead agency, upon approval of a reclamation plan or an amendment to a reclamation plan, to record a “Notice of Reclamation Plan Approval” with the county recorder.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby authorize the Chairman to sign the requisite “Notice of Reclamation Plan Approval” and cause the recordation of said document as required.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 11th day of March, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Theodore F. Novelli, Brian Oneto, John Plasse, Louis D. Boitano and  
Richard M. Forster  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

  
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Theodore F. Novelli, Chairman

ATTEST:  
JENIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California

  
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Deputy

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Appendix E

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Amador County Planning Commission  
810 Court Street  
Jackson, CA 95642

County Clerk - County of Amador  
810 Court Street  
Jackson, CA 95642

**Project Title:** Edwin Mine Administrative Minor Amendment to Reclamation Plan RP-77-6.

**Project Applicant/Address/Phone Number:** ARA Edwin Clays, LLC, 3740 Hwy 104, P.O. Box 1730, Lone CA 95640

**Project Location - Specific:** Approximately 16,000 acres of the Rancho Arroyo Seco located northwest, west and southwest of the City of Lone.

**Project Location - County:** Amador **Project Location - City:** N/A

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Administrative minor amendment to Reclamation Plan RP-77-6 requested to facilitate the issuance of a separate Mine ID Number for those mine sites acquired by Amador Ranch Associates (ARA) from those mine sites retained by Howard Properties necessitated by the division, via purchase, of the sites. The minor amendment updates certain provisions of the 1977 Reclamation Plan to reflect current conditions, practices, or to provide additional detail, and also includes a set of current maps depicting each of the 7 mine sites.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Amador County Board of Supervisors

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** ARA Edwin Clays, LLC

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15378(a)(3); 15060(c)(1 and 2); and 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21065(c) and 21080(b)(1)

- Reasons why project is exempt:**
1. The administrative minor amendment is not a "project" and is exempt because it is a ministerial, not discretionary, action. {PRC 21080(b)(1); CCR 15060(c)(1)}.
  2. The administrative minor amendment is not a "project" and is exempt because it will not cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. {PRC 21065(c); CCR 15060(c)(2); 15378(a)(3)}.
  3. "General rule exemption:" a project is exempt if "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." {CCR 15061(b)(3)}.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Susan C. Grijalva, Planning Director **Telephone:** 209-223-6380

Signature:   
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Date: March 11, 2014

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

Recording requested by, and when recorded,  
return this Notice to:

County of Amador  
Planning Department  
810 Court Street  
Jackson, CA 95642

For Recorder's use

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## NOTICE OF RECLAMATION PLAN APPROVAL

Mining operations conducted on the hereinafter described real property are subject to a reclamation plan approved by the Amador County Board of Supervisors, a copy of which is on file with the Amador County Planning Department, located at 810 Court Street, Jackson, California 95642.

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**Property Owner(s) of Record:** Edwin Lands, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Dry Creek Lands, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Greenrock Ranch Lands, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; and Specialty Granules (Ione), LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

**Owner of Record of the Mine Operation:** ARA Edwin Clays, LLC


**Lead Agency:** County of Amador

**Description of Real Property:** See Exhibit A, attached hereto, consisting of 4 pages.

**Map:** See Exhibit B, attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Theodore F. Novelli, as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County of Amador, has caused this Notice of Reclamation Plan Approval to be duly recorded with the Amador County Recorder, in compliance with California Public Resources Code section 2772.7.

Dated 3/11/14

By   
Theodore F. Novelli, Chairman

**EXHIBIT A**  
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**DESCRIPTION FOR DRY CREEK LANDS, LLC**

A parcel of land situated in the County of Amador, State of California and being more particularly described in Grant Deed to DRY CREEK LANDS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Amador County on December 29, 2006 as Document 2006-0015248.

**EXHIBIT A - continued**

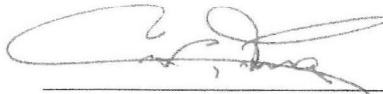
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**DESCRIPTION FOR EDWIN LANDS, LLC**

A parcel of land situated in the County of Amador, State of California and being more particularly described in Grant Deed to EDWIN LANDS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, by instrument recorded in the office of the Recorder of Amador County as Document 2006-0015249.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM those certain parcels of land conveyed to SPECIALTY GRANULES (IONE) LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, by instrument recorded as Document 2011-0009113, Amador County Records.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM those certain parcel of and delineated and designated "ADJ. AREA 1.50 Acre" upon that certain official map entitled "RECORD OF SURVEY BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT for EDWIN LANDS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and SPECIALTY GRANULES (IONE) LLC a Delaware limited liability company" and said map being recorded in Book 63 of Maps and Plats at Pages 33 & 34, Amador County Records.

  
Ciro L. Toma PLS 3570. 7/23/12

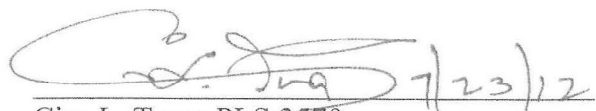


DESCRIPTION FOR GREEN ROCK RANCH LANDS, LLC.

A parcel of land situated in the County of Amador, State of California and being more particularly described in Grant Deeds to GREENROCK RANCH LANDS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Amador County as Document 2006-0015247, Document 2008-0001449 and Document 2009-0005234.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following parcels of land described in Deeds recorded in the office of the Recorder of Amador County as:

1. Document 2009-0001728. Quitclaim Deed to Larry Andrew Costick, Trustee of the Larry Andrew Costick Trust-1993;
2. Document 2009-0005235. Grant Deed to Earl R. Williams and Janet G. Williams, Trustee of the Williams Family Trust UDT 09-24-1993;
3. Document 2010-0007023. Grant Deed to Castle Vista Properties, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;
4. Document 2010-0007024. Grant Deed to Ringer Ranch, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;
5. Document 2011-0003646. Grant Deed to State of California.

  
Ciro L. Toma PLS 3570 7/23/12



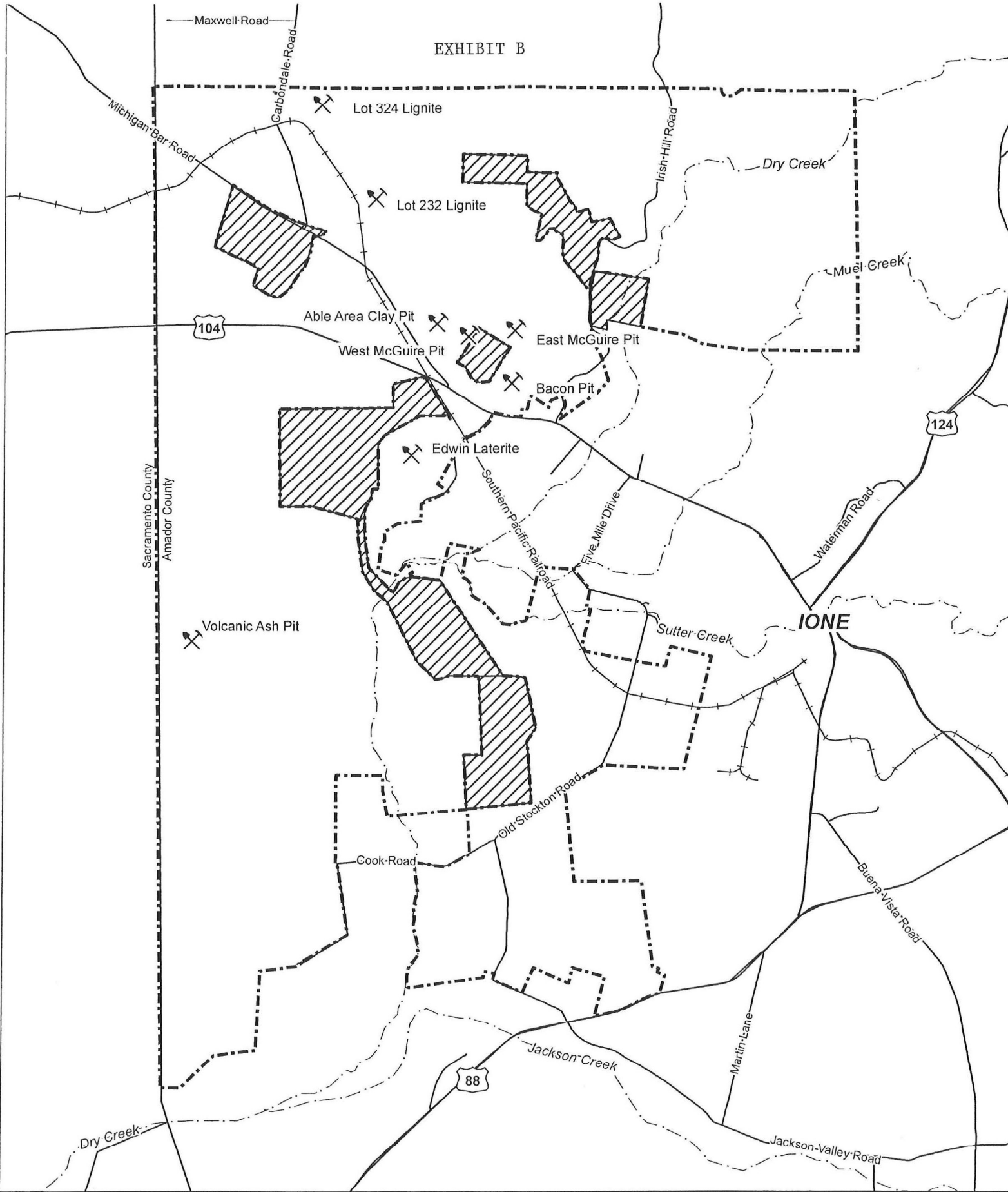
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**DESCRIPTION FOR SPECIALTY GRANULES (IONE) LLC**




That certain property situated in the County of Amador, State of California, more particularly described as “ADJUSTED GREENROCK RANCH LANDS, LLC AREA NORTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 104 183.86 Acres”, “ADJ. GREENROCK RANCH LANDS, LLC AREA No. 1 EAST OF UPRR 11.24 Acres”, and “ADJ. GREENROCK RANCH LANDS, LLC AREA No. 2 EAST OF UPRR 5.83 Acres”, as shown and so designated upon that certain official map entitled “RECORD OF SURVEY BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT for EDWIN LANDS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and GREENROCK RANCH LANDS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company”, prepared by Ciro L. Toma PLS 3570 dated June, 2011, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Amador County on July 29, 2011 in Book 62 at pages 99 thru 101.

EXHIBIT B



Edwin Mine Reclamation Plan Boundary

Date: Feb. 2014  
 Edwin Mine RP Boundary: Toma and Associates  
 Roads: Amador County  
 Railroad: ESRI  
 Aerial: 2012 USDA

-  Mine Sites
-  Not A Part (NAP)
-  Edwin Mine Reclamation Plan Boundary

