



AMADOR COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Early Consultation Application Referral

TO:

ACTC	Transportation and Public Works Department
AFPD	Waste Management Department
Amador Air District	Buena Vista Band of Me-Wuk Indians**
Amador LAFCO	Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians**
Amador Transit	Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians**
Amador Water Agency	Ione Band of Miwok Indians**
Building Department	Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok Indians**
Cal Fire	Nashville Enterprise Miwok- Maidu-
Caltrans, District 10	Nishinam Tribe**
CDFW, Region 2	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians**
County Counsel	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn
Environmental Health Department	Rancheria**
Sheriff's Office	Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California**
Surveying Department	

DATE: February 13, 2024
FROM: Krista Ruesel, Planning Department

PROJECT: Use Permit and Reclamation Plan RP-98;1 Amendment Application for UP-24;2-1 Seaton Mine, New Chicago Highlands, Inc. (completeness). APN: 008-140-016

Applicant/Property Owner: New Chicago Highlands, Inc., Michael Gornet
Supervisory District: 5
Location: East of Drytown, approximately 2400 ft. from the intersection of California Mine Rd. and New Chicago Rd.

REVIEW: As part of the preliminary review process, this project is being sent to State, Tribal, and local agencies for their review and comment. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will review the project application for completeness during its regular meeting on Thursday, **March 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Building, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California as well as via teleconference.

**In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, this notice constitutes formal notification to those tribes requesting project notification. This notification begins the 30-day time period in which California Native American tribes have to request consultation.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR USE PERMIT

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled after the following information has been completed and submitted to the Planning Department Office:

1. Complete the following:

Name of Applicant New Chicago Highlands, Inc.

Mailing Address Post Office Box 251 Amador City, 95601

Phone Number (209) 660-9020

Assessor Parcel Number 08-14-16

Use Permit Applied For:

- Private Academic School
- Private Nonprofit Recreational Facility
- Public Building and Use(s)
- Airport, Heliport
- Cemetery
- Radio, Television Transmission Tower
- Club, Lodge, Fraternal Organization
- Dump, Garbage Disposal Site
- Church

OTHER Amendment of UP 98;1-6

2. Attach a letter explaining the purpose and need for the Use Permit
(See "Project Description and Appendices to a Proposed Amendment..." Previously Filed)

3. Attach a copy of the deed of the property (can be obtained from the County Recorder's Office).

4. If Applicant is not the property owner, a consent letter must be attached. 5. Assessor Plat Map (can be obtained from the County Surveyor's Office).

6. Plot Plan (no larger than 4000 sq ft) showing location of request in relation to property lot (see Plot Plan Guidelines). Larger map(s) or plan is provided for notices, Staff Reports, etc. The

7. Planning Department Filing Fee: \$ 4,694

Environmental Health Review Fee: \$ 240

Public Works Agency Review Fee: \$ 500

Amador Fire Protection District Fee: \$ 118/hr.

Discretionary permits may be subject to a CA Fish & Wildlife fee: \$

8. Complete an Environmental Information Form.

9. Sign Indemnification Form.

\$5,552 w/ 1 hr. Env. Health Fee

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by applicant; use additional sheets as necessary.
Attach plans, diagrams, etc. as appropriate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name: Seaton Mine Reactivation

Date Filed: 08/11/23 File No. _____

Applicant/ Developer New Chicago Highlands, Inc. Landowner Same

Address Post Office Box 251 Amador City, CA Address _____

Phone No. (209) 660-9020 Phone No. _____

Assessor Parcel Number(s) 08-14-16

Existing Zoning District R1A/MRZ

Existing General Plan AG

List and describe any other related permits and other public approvals those required by city, regional, state, and federal agencies

Authority To Construct _____

grading - G04186
11/01/11

Electric - 211418
meter/power 1105121

Steel bld - 210614
70x30' 517121

008-140-016

WRITTEN PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include the following information where app other pertinent information to describe the proposed project):

1. Site Size 52 Acres
2. Square Footage of Existing/Proposed Structures 3,500 sq. ft.
3. Number of Floors of Construction 1
4. Amount of Off-street Parking Provided (provide accurate detailed parking plan) At Office Trailer
5. Source of Water Mine & Water Well
6. Method of Sewage Disposal Wilkins Portables
7. Attach Plans (See "Project Description and Appendices to a Proposed Amendment . . ." Previously Filed)
8. Proposed Scheduling of Project Construction
9. If project to be developed in phases, describe anticipated incremental development.
10. Associated Projects
11. Subdivision/Land Division Projects: Tentative map will be sufficient unless you feel additional information is needed or the County requests further details.
12. Residential Projects: Include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, range of sale prices or rents and type of household size expected.
13. Commercial Projects: Indicate the type of business, number of employees, whether neighborhood, city or regionally oriented, square footage of sales area, and loading facilities. 14. Industrial Projects: Indicate type, estimated employment per shift, and loading facilities. 15. Institutional Projects: Indicate the major function, estimated employment per shift, estimated occupancy, loading facilities, and community benefits to be derived from the project. 16. If the project involves a variance, conditional use permit, or rezoning application, state this and indicate clearly why the application is required.
14. 6 men Per Shift
- 29., 30., & 31. See Previous Data Filed For The Project

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss below all items checked "yes" (attach additional sheets as necessary).

- YES NO
17. Change in existing features or any lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours.
18. Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas, public lands, or roads.

19. Change in pattern, scale, or character of general area of project. 20. Significant amounts of solid waste or litter.

21. Change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity.

22. Change in lake, stream, or ground water quality or quantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns.

23. Substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity. 24. Site on filled land or has slopes of 10 percent or more.

25. Use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic substances, flammables, or explosives.

26. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.). 27. Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.). 28. Does this project have a relationship to a larger project or series of projects?

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

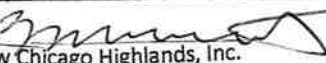
29. Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures. Attach photographs of the site (cannot be returned).

30. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, setback, rear yard, etc.). Attach photographs of the vicinity (cannot be returned).

31. Describe any known mine shafts, tunnels, air shafts, open hazardous excavations, etc. Attach photographs of any of these known features (cannot be returned).

Certification: I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date 09-01-2023

(Signature) 

For New Chicago Highlands, Inc.

INDEMNIFICATION

Project: Seaton Mine Reactivation

In consideration of the County's processing and consideration of the application for the discretionary land use approval identified above (the "Project") the Owner and Applicant, jointly and severally, agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Amador from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County to attack, set aside, void or annul the Project approval, or any action relating related to the Project approvals as follows:

1. Owner and Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers or employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers

or employees (the "County") to attack, set aside, void or annul the Project approval, or any prior or subsequent determination regarding the Project, including but not limited to determinations related to the California Environmental Quality Act, or Project condition imposed by the County. The Indemnification includes, but is not limited to, damages, fees, and or costs, including attorneys' fees, awarded against County. The County in its sole discretion may hire outside counsel to handle its defense or may handle the matter internally. Indemnification also includes paying for the County's defense if it elects to hire outside counsel. Indemnification also includes compensating the County for staff time associated with the litigation. The obligations under this Indemnification shall apply regardless of whether any permits or entitlements are issued.

2. The County may, within its unlimited discretion, participate in the defense of any such claim, action, or proceeding if the County defends the claim, action, or proceeding in good faith.

3. The Owner and Applicant shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement by the County of such claim, action, or proceeding unless the settlement is approved in writing by Owner and Applicant, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signature below, Owner and Applicant hereby acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to perform the obligations under this Indemnification.

Applicant:



Signature

Owner (if different than Applicant):

Signature

RECORDING REQUESTED BY

Placer Title Company
Escrow Number: P-454286
Branch: 90

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO

New Chicago Highlands, Inc., a California Corporation
P O Box 251
Amador City, CA 95601

A.P.N.: 008-140-016-000

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

GRANT DEED

The undersigned grantor(s) declare(s):

Documentary transfer tax is \$269.50 City Transfer Tax: \$0.00

(X) Unincorporated Area () City of _____

(X) computed on full value of property conveyed, or

() computed on full value less value of liens and encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, **Emma H. Rose Mining Company LLC**

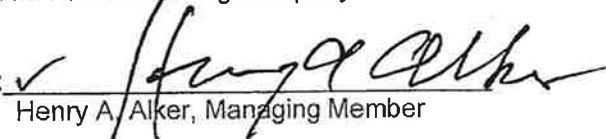
Hereby GRANT(S) to **New Chicago Highlands, Inc., a California Corporation**

The land described herein is situated in the State of California, County of Amador, unincorporated area, described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

Dated: March 24, 2021

Emma H. Rose Mining Company LLC

By: 
Henry A. Alker, Managing Member

MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO PARTY SHOWN ON FOLLOWING LINE; IF NO PARTY SHOWN, MAIL AS DIRECTED ABOVE

SAME AS ABOVE

Name Street Address City & State
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Grnt Deed - Sale

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)
County of Sonoma) ss.

On March 25, 2021 before me,
Brendan Coen

Notary Public personally appeared Henry A. Alker

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal.

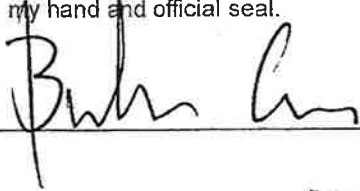
SIGNATURE 



EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The land described herein is situated in the State of California, County of Amador, unincorporated area, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE:

THE PEERLESS LODE MINING CLAIM DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. SURVEYOR GENERAL AS LOT NO. 64, EMBRACING A PORTION OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, M.D.B. & M., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK "A" OF QUARTZ MINERAL PATENTS, PAGE 249, RECORDS OF AMADOR COUNTY.

PARCEL TWO:

THAT CERTAIN MINING CLAIM AND PREMISES, KNOWN AS THE HOME STAKE LODE MINING CLAIM AND DESCRIBED THE SURVEYOR GENERAL A LOT NO. 90 EMBRACING A PORTION OF SECTION 24 IN T. 7 N., R. 10 E. M.D.M. IN THE DRYTOWN MINING DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF AMADOR, AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN THE DISTRICT OF LAND SUBJECT TO SALE AT SACRAMENTO, BOUNDED, DESCRIBED AND PLATTED AS FOLLOWS, WITH MAGNETIC VAR. AS HEREINAFTER STATED.

BEGINNING AT A POST MARKED 67 IN MOUND OF EARTH AND STONE, BEING ALSO THE S.W. CORNER OF THE MARYLAND QUARTZ MINE, FROM WHICH A PLACED PINE 10" IN DIA. BEARS SOUTH 85° 15' EAST 12 LINKS DIST. THENCE, FIRST COURSE MAG. VAR 17° AND 50' E NORTH 15° AND 47' WEST 253.4/10 FT TO A POST MARKED WITH THREE NOTCHES, IN MOUND OF EARTH AND STONE, THENCE, SECOND COURSE, MAGNETIC VAR. 17° 47' EAST, SOUTH 71° AND 42' WEST 443.5/10 FT TO THE N.W. COR. OF CLAIM. THENCE THIRD COURSE, MAGNETIC VARIATION 17° 40' EAST, SOUTH 23° 30' EAST 303.6/10 FEET TO THE S.W. COR. OF THE CLAIM A POST IN MOUND, MARKED "N.W. COR. C.C." BEING ALSO THE N.W. CORNER OF THE COULTER Q.M., FROM WHICH A BLASED LIVE OAK 5" IN DIA. BEARS SOUTH 24° E. 27 LINKS DISTANT, AND THE CORNER COMMON TO SEC. 23, 24, 25 AND 26 IN T. 7 N., R. 10 E., M.D.M., BEARS SOUTH 5' WEST 39 CHAINS AND 93 LINKS DISTANCE, THENCE FOURTH COURSE MAGNETIC VAR 17° AND 50' EAST, NORTH 71° AND 42' EAST, 462.7/10 FT TO THE S.E. CORNER OF CLAIM, THENCE FITH COURSE MAGNETIC VAR 17° AND 50' EAST NORTH 13° WEST 36.3/10 FEET TO A POST MARKED X IN MOUND OF EARTH, SITUATE ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SAID MARYLAND QUARTZ MINE. THENCE, SIXTH COURSE, MAGNETIC VAR. 17° AND 50' EAST, SOUTH 86° AND 5' WEST 62.7/10 FT TO SAID POST MARKED 67 IN MOUND OF EARTH AND STONE, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SAID LOT NO. 90 EXTENDING 309.5/10 FT. IN LENGTH ALONG SAID HOMSTAKE VEIN OR LODE, AND CONTAINING THREE ACRES AND ONE HUNDREDTH OF AN ACRE OF LAND

PARCEL THREE:

THAT CERTAIN MINING CLAIM AND PREMISES, KNOWN AS THE COULTER QUARTZ LODE, DESIGNATED BY THE SURVEYOR GENERAL AS LOT NO. 89, EMBRACING A PORTION OF SEC. 24, T.7N., R. 10E., M.D.M. IN THE DRYTOWN MINING DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF AMADOR, AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN THE DISTRICT OF LANDS SUBJECT TO SALE SACRAMENTO, AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS WITH MAGNETIC VARIATION, AS HEREINAFTER STATED:

BEGINNING AT S.W. CORNER OF CLAIM, A POST MARKED 66 IN MOUND OF EARTH AND STONE BEING ALSO THE N.W. COR. OF THE NORTH GROVER Q.M. CO. FROM WHICH A PINE 8" IN DIA, MARKED 66 B.T. BEARS SOUTH 12° AND 30' W. 26 LINKS DIST; THENCE FIRST COURSE MAGNETIC VARIATION 17° AND 48' N. 14° 17' W., 1256 FEET TO N.W. COR. OF CLAIM, A POST MARKED N.W. COR. C.C. IN MOUND FROM WHICH A BLASED LIVE OAK 5" IN DIA. BEAR S. 24° E. 27 LINKS DIST. AND THE CORNER COMMON TO SECS. 23, 24, 25 AND 26 IN T. 7 N., OF R. 10 E., M.D.M. BEARS S. 5' W., 39 CHAINS AND 93 LINKS DISTANT; THENCE, SECOND COURSE MAGNETIC VARIATION 17° 59' E., N. 71° AND 42' E. 590 FT., TO N.W. COR. OF CLAIM A POST MARKED 63 AND P.NO.3. ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND N.E. CORNER C.C. ON THE WEST SIDE, BEING ALSO THE N.W. COR. OF THE SECTION OR PEERLESS Q.M.C. ; THENCE THIRD COURSE MAGNETIC VARIATION 18° AND 31' E.S. 10° AND 45 E. 6 CHAINS AND 14 LINKS TO A POINT FROM WHICH THE EASTERN EDGE OF A SHAFT BEARS WEST 9 LINKS DISTANT, 1152.4/10 FT TO S.E. CORNER OF HOMESTAKE Q.M.C.; 1263.9/10 FT. TO S.E. COR OF CLAIM A POST MARKED P.NO.2 AND S.E. COR. C.C. BEING ALSO THE S.W. COR. OF SAID SECTION OR PEERLESS Q.M.C.; THENCE FORTH COURSE, MAGNETIC VARIATION 17° AND 50' E.S. 71° AND 42' W. 235.6/10 FT. TO A POST MARKED S.L.P.C.C. IN EARTH MOUND, FROM WHICH THE MOUNT OF THE SEATON TUNNEL BEARS N. 42° AND 24' E. 1 CHAIN AND 24 LINKS DIST. 514.8/10 FT TO S.W. COR. OF CLAIM AND POST MARKED 66, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SAID LOT 89 EXTENDING 1257.3/10FT. IN LENGTH ALONG SAID COULTER Q. VEIN OR LODE AND CONTAINING 15 ACRES AND ONE HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THAT PORTION OF PREMISES GRANTED TO RONALD G. MATULICH AND LINDA L. MATULICH IN BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT RECORDED APRIL 26, 1995 AS INST. NO. 1995-2983, AMADOR COUNTY RECORDS.

PARCEL FOUR:

ALL THAT PROPERTY GRANTED TO EMMA H. ROSE PARTNERS, A CALIFORNIA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP IN BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT RECORDED APRIL 26, 1995 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 1995-2983, AMADOR COUNTY RECORDS.

APN: 008-140-016-000

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY (SOR)

Reference SMARA 2772.C.10

In consideration of approval by the lead agency of this application for a Surface Mining Permit and/or Reclamation Plan, the undersigned, jointly and severally, hereby covenant with the lead agency and the Department of Conservation as follows:

MINE NAME: Searan

CALIFORNIA MINE ID #: 91-03-0026

LEAD AGENCY: Amador County

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #: 98, 1-6

I hereby acknowledge that all of the provisions of said permit and reclamation plan, and any and all conditions appended thereto shall be faithfully performed and completed by the undersigned within the time therein provided, or within any additional time as may be allowed pursuant to the Surface Mining Ordinance Code of the lead agency and with the applicable requirements of Articles 1 and 9 (commencing with section 3500 et seq., respectively) of chapter 8, division 2, title 14, of the California Code of Regulations, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), as amended (section 2710 et seq. of the Public Resources Code) which are incorporated herein by reference.

That the obligations of the undersigned to perform and complete the provisions of said permit and/or plan, including any and all conditions appended thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of said Ordinance Code and SMARA and the State Mining and Geology Board's implementing regulations and guidelines.

That the place of performance by the undersigned of the covenants herein, shall be the area managed by the lead agency in the State of California.

That, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 2774.1 (a) notice procedures, any notice required to be given, or otherwise given to the undersigned may be by personal service or by certified mail.

Owner of Operation Business Structure: (check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership	

Check one:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have posted an adequate financial assurance mechanism pursuant to Public Resources Code section 2773.1 that is equal to or greater than the lead agency approved financial assurance cost estimate.	Date Posted: _____
	Mechanism Type (check one)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Surety Bond	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Deposit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Or

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will post an adequate financial assurance mechanism, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 2773.1 that is equal to or greater than the lead agency approved financial assurance cost estimate.	
	Mechanism Type (check one)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surety Bond	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Deposit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Dated this 28th day of JUNE, 2021

MICHAEL GORSET
Printed Name of Owner of Operation

[Signature]
Signature of Owner of Operation
(to be acknowledged by a Notary Public)

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY (completed by staff after approval of project)	
SMARA Database Entry Date	Analyst Initials

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY (SOR)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN EXISTING MINING OPERATION

Surface mining operations are subject to the requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (Public Resources Code 2710 et seq., California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 3500 et seq.) and applicable administrative regulations as well as lead agency (LA) ordinance requirements. When a new mine site operator is going to assume legal and operational responsibility for an existing mining operation in California, it is required to file a Statement of Responsibility (SOR). (Reference PRC section 2772(c)(10)). This statement formally notifies the LA and the State Department of Conservation (Department) that a new individual and/or company is assuming all permitted responsibility for operating the mining site in compliance with the LA-approved Surface Mining Permit and Reclamation Plan, local ordinances, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), associated regulations, and guidelines. If the mining operation will be assumed by someone other than the legal landowner of the property, written authorization from the property owner(s) of record is also required.

The attached forms include places to provide the LA and the Department with the pertinent contact information for the new mine site operator and other information related to the mine site. The SOR form should be signed and acknowledged by a Certified Public Notary and returned, together with the other requested information, to the LA. Once a determination is made by LA staff that the forms have been properly filled out and executed, the LA will notify the Department of the change, and copy the new mine site operator.

Before filing a SOR to assume legal and operational responsibility for a mining operation, the new mine site operator should secure a copy of the approved surface mining permit and reclamation plan from the current or previous property owner and become thoroughly familiar with the requirements that the LA has imposed with respect to the affected mine site.

Additionally, the new mine site operator should request the property owner provide a copy of the latest Surface Mining Inspection Report (MRRC-1) prepared by the LA's Mining Inspector and a copy of the latest State Mining Operation Annual Report (MRRC-2) filed with the Department and the LA.

Once the new mine site operator has received written confirmation that this filing has been satisfactorily completed, a new financial assurance mechanism must be submitted to the lead agency and reviewed by the Department before existing financial assurance instruments of the previous mine operator can be released by the LA and the Department. (Reference: CCR section 3805.5)

In order to ensure that the required forms have been properly executed, please include the following appropriate documentation with your submittal:

- 1) If the mining operation has been acquired through a change in ownership, the signatures of all the legal owners of record for that property must be included on the SOR.
- 2) If the new or current property owners will be allowing mining operations to be assumed by a third party, a separate letter of authorization to assume this mining operation, signed by each new owner of record, shall be submitted.
- 3) If the person filing the SOR is acting on behalf of a corporation, a resolution from the corporation's board of directors should be submitted which provides authority for this filing and which indicates who has the ability to execute the statement on behalf of the corporation. A minimum of two (2) signatures are required.
- 4) If the person filing the SOR is acting on behalf of a Limited Liability Company, a copy of the company's Articles of Organization must be submitted which clearly indicate who has authority to execute the statement on behalf of the company.
- 5) If the person filing the SOR is acting on behalf of a General Partnership, verification is required to ensure that the signatory is a current partner.
- 6) If the person filing the SOR is acting on behalf of a Limited Partnership, a copy of the partnership agreement must be submitted which indicates who is designated as a general partner within the partnership. Only a general partner may sign the SOR on behalf of the partnership.

**NOTIFICATION OF ASSUMPTION OF LEGAL AND OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY
FOR AN EXISTING OR NEW SURFACE MINE**

MINE NAME: SEARON

CALIFORNIA MINE ID #: 91-03-0026

EFFECTIVE ASSUMPTION DATE: 04/02/2021

NEW OWNER OF OPERATION

1. NAME:	<u>MICHAEL GORNET</u>		
MAILING ADDRESS:	<u>P.O. Box 251</u>		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	<u>Ann Arbor City, GA 95601</u>		
BUSINESS PHONE:	<u>209-660-9020</u>	FAX:	<u>N/A</u>
CELL PHONE:	<u>209-660-9020</u>	EMAIL:	<u>MGORNET@GMAIL.COM</u>

LANDOWNER

Same as #1

2. NAME:	<u>New Chicago Highlands, Inc.</u>		
MAILING ADDRESS:	_____		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	_____		
BUSINESS PHONE:	_____	FAX:	_____
CELL PHONE:	_____	EMAIL:	_____

ON-SITE CONTACT

Same as #1

3. NAME:	_____	EMAIL:	_____
BUSINESS PHONE:	_____	CELL PHONE:	_____

DESIGNATED AGENT

Same as #1

4. NAME:	_____		
MAILING ADDRESS:	_____		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	_____		
BUSINESS PHONE:	_____	FAX:	_____
CELL PHONE:	_____	EMAIL:	_____

PERSON AUTHORIZED BY OPERATION OWNER TO SIGN MINING OPERATION ANNUAL REPORTS (MRRC-2)

Same as #1

5. NAME:	_____		
MAILING ADDRESS:	_____		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	_____		
BUSINESS PHONE:	_____	FAX:	_____
CELL PHONE:	_____	EMAIL:	_____

I, the undersigned new owner of the above mining operation, do hereby submit to _____ and the Department of Conservation, the above information as true and accurate. (Lead Agency)

[Signature]
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OF OPERATION

06/28/2021
DATE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of AMADOR)

On JUNE 21ST, 2021 before me, JONATHAN GOUNDAR, NOTARY PUBLIC
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared MICHAEL GORNET
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

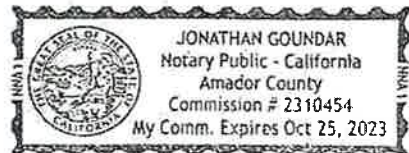
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



(Seal)





RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

Pasion Title
Placer Title Company
Branch Number: 90

Amador Recorder
Kimberly L. Grady
DOC - 2021-0004037
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New Chicago Highlands, Inc.,
a California Corporation
P O Box 251
Amador City, CA 95601

Order No: P-454286 *kk*

APN: 008-140-016-000

Grant Deed

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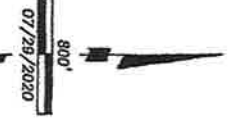
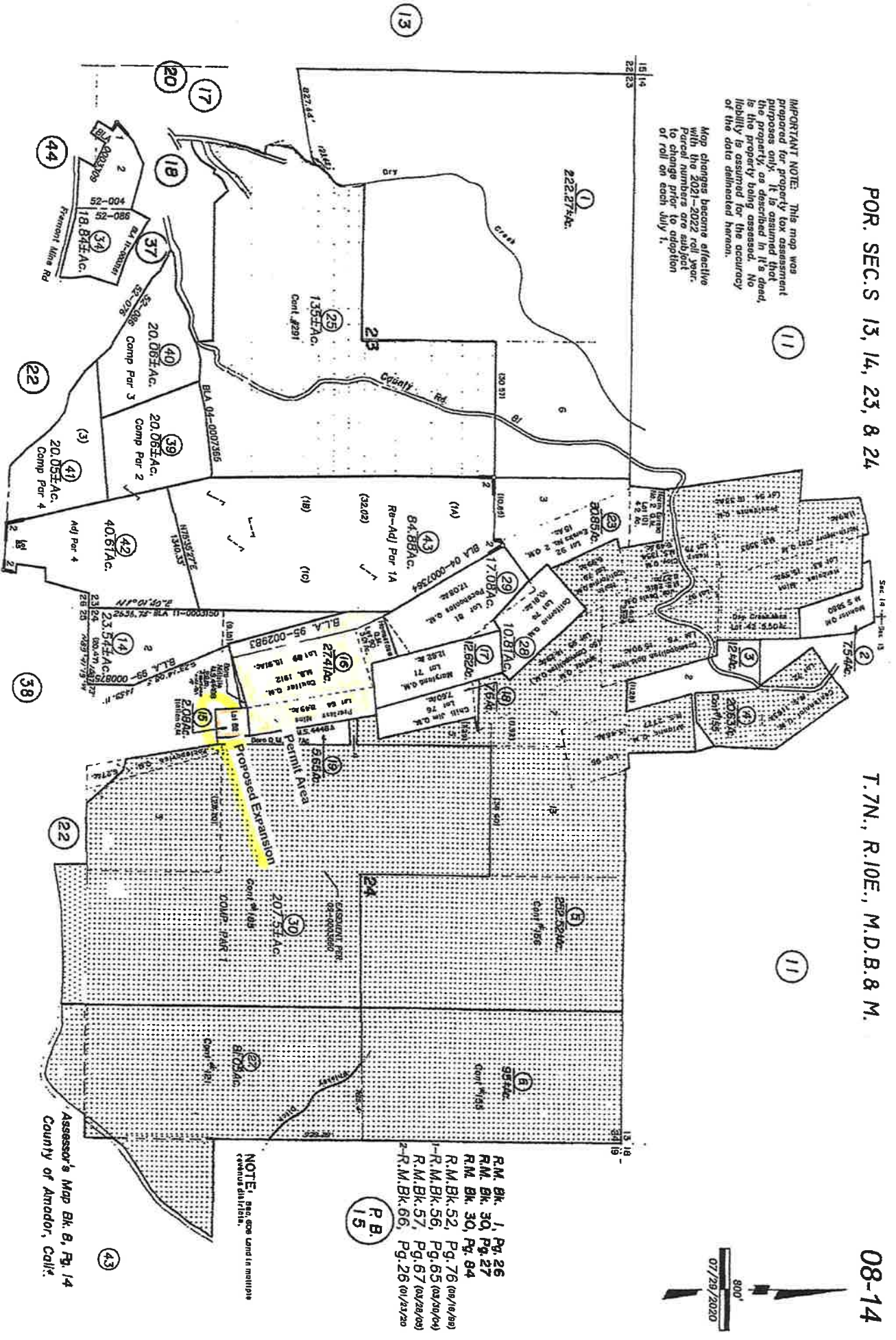
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NOTE: BIG box land is multiple census data files.

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County of Amador, Calif.

MEMORANDUM

To: Caesarine Cordon

Date: July 6, 2023

From: David T. Sanders

Copy:

Subject: Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendments

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I have completed a draft of the subject amendment document. The Amador County Planning Department needs to be contacted to determine if the attached form is still the one that should be filed with the document and the proper one completed. The fee schedule (also attached) shows a fee for a use permit amendment but not a Reclamation Plan amendment. The total filing fee needs to be determined.

The attached file folder contains the document that I have prepared. Please review it with Michael Gornet and Dan Mondani and provide me with corrections and changes the company requires.

The following are needed to make the document complete:

1. A copy of a Road Maintenance Agreement from Public Works signed by Ronald G. Matulich and Henry A. Alker covering New Chicago Road, for inclusion in Appendix A2.
2. Permit To Operate (A6) related to the mill from Amador Air District. Dan is working with the district to obtain this permit.
3. Completion of the Application/Report of Waste Discharge General Information Form (A9). The date that a Negative Declaration was adopted as the Environmental Document for the project obtained from the Planning Department is needed. This form is to notify the Regional Water Quality Control Board of a facility that will have no discharge.
4. The notification letter (A11) needs to be signed and mailed and a signed copy returned to the document.

For your information, Ronald Matulich has a two-inch line from the six-inch line that moves mine -water. The water is stored in multiple tanks and used for dust control on the California Mine Road. This water use is not addressed in my document. It was added to the Upper Dry Creek Slate Mine project and may not continue for much longer.

**COUNTY OF AMADOR
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

APPLICATION FOR: USE PERMIT Renewal
 Amendment
 VARIANCE
 ZONE CHANGE
 EXTENSION OF RECLAMATION PLAN

12/23/08	RP-98-1
Date Received	File Number(s)
\$280.00	52198
Fee Paid	Receipt Number

Supervisorial District V Current General Plan A-G Current Zoning "RIA"
 Assessor's Parcel Number(s) 008-140-016-000
 Applicable County Code Section(s) _____ Legal Description _____
 Location Off a private haul road north of New Chicago Road about 1 mile east of Drytown.

Property Area (acres or square feet) 28 acres
 Request for a ten-year extension to Reclamation Plan RP-98-1, issued to Emma H. Rose Mining Co., LLC, for the Seaton Mine (CA Mine ID #91-03-0026) Reclamation.

Applicant Emma H. Rose Mining Co., LLC Representative Ken Williams
 Address _____ Holdregg & Kull
 Address 435 Sutter St.
 Phone No. _____ Jackson, CA 95642
 Phone No. 209-223-0160
 _____ *Ken Williams for Henry Alker* _____
 Applicant's Signature Representative's Signature

ACTION

Approved on June 9, 2009 by Planning Commission
 Denied on _____ by _____
 Expiration Date (if applicable) November 15, 2018
 Conditions/Findings See attached Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring Program; staff report and minutes for the June 9, 2009 Planning Commission meeting.

Denise Tolber

 Title: Chairman, Planning Commission

REVISED
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND
APPENDICES TO A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT OF A
USE PERMIT (UP 98;1-6) COVERING THE
REACTIVATION OF THE
SEATON MINE (CA MINE ID #91-03-0026)
AND A REVISION OF THE RELATED
RECLAMATION PLAN (RP 98-1)

PREPARED FOR SUBMITTAL TO:

AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
810 COURT STREET
JACKSON, CALIFORNIA 95642

PREPARED ON BEHALF OF:

NEW CHICAGO HIGHLANDS, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 251
AMADOR CITY, CALIFORNIA 65601

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Exploration excavations made under grading permits issued by the Amador County Building Department proved the economic viability of the surface mining of gold-bearing quartz on the Seaton Mine Property, as was the objective of a county approved exemption from Use Permit and Reclamation Plan requirements for excavations of up to 1,000 cubic yards on one acre. Detailed plans for surface mining were not included in the original Use Permit application and the approved Reclamation Plan. These amendments cover long-term surface mining to eventually complement underground mining and show modernization of on-site milling, rather than hauling the ore to an adjacent property.

The appendices included with his Project Description include information related to the proposed amendments. The original applications included the environmental information and forms that led to the issuance of a Negative Declaration as the environment document required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project by the Amador County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The changes proposed are considered minor, and most will have a positive effect on the natural environment.

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GENERAL STATEMENT

Excavation in exploration pits within an unusual quartz vein system, with thickness that exceeds 100 feet, defined gold ore in zones controlled by faults. The gold content within these two zones (see map that follows) proved sufficient to warrant extraction to supply an onsite mill at a rate of 50 tons per shift.

It is proposed that surface mining continue from the southern exploration pits (Pits 1 & 2) that are shown on following photographs and be expanded, laterally, where the ore grade is of a commercial grade. The area above the ore zone along a southeastern extension of Pit 2 is to be a temporary placement site for the dewatering of mill tailings and the recirculation of mine water used at the mill. Mining will not occur in that area until that use is no longer needed.

Mining has been, and will continue to be, conducted using a Caterpillar 440 backhoe/loader with a hydraulic hammer to break the quartz to a size that a jaw crusher at the mill will handle. As mining progresses, that unit will load a truck to move the rock to the mill.

Benches in the pit will be at intervals within the reach of the backhoe, approximately 17 feet. The main, western zone will eventually mine to the existing Italian Mine surface pit.

High-grade ore has been sampled on both sides of the northern portion of a massive outcrop of quartz. That entire outcrop will be mined and a pit at least 34 feet deep created. Ore grade has not yet been defined throughout the southern portion of this massive outcrop, but such ore has been sampled along a fault trace that bounds the outcrop on the west. It is likely that significant rock without sufficient gold content to mine economically will remain in place there and the collar of a shaft to underground workings will be preserved.

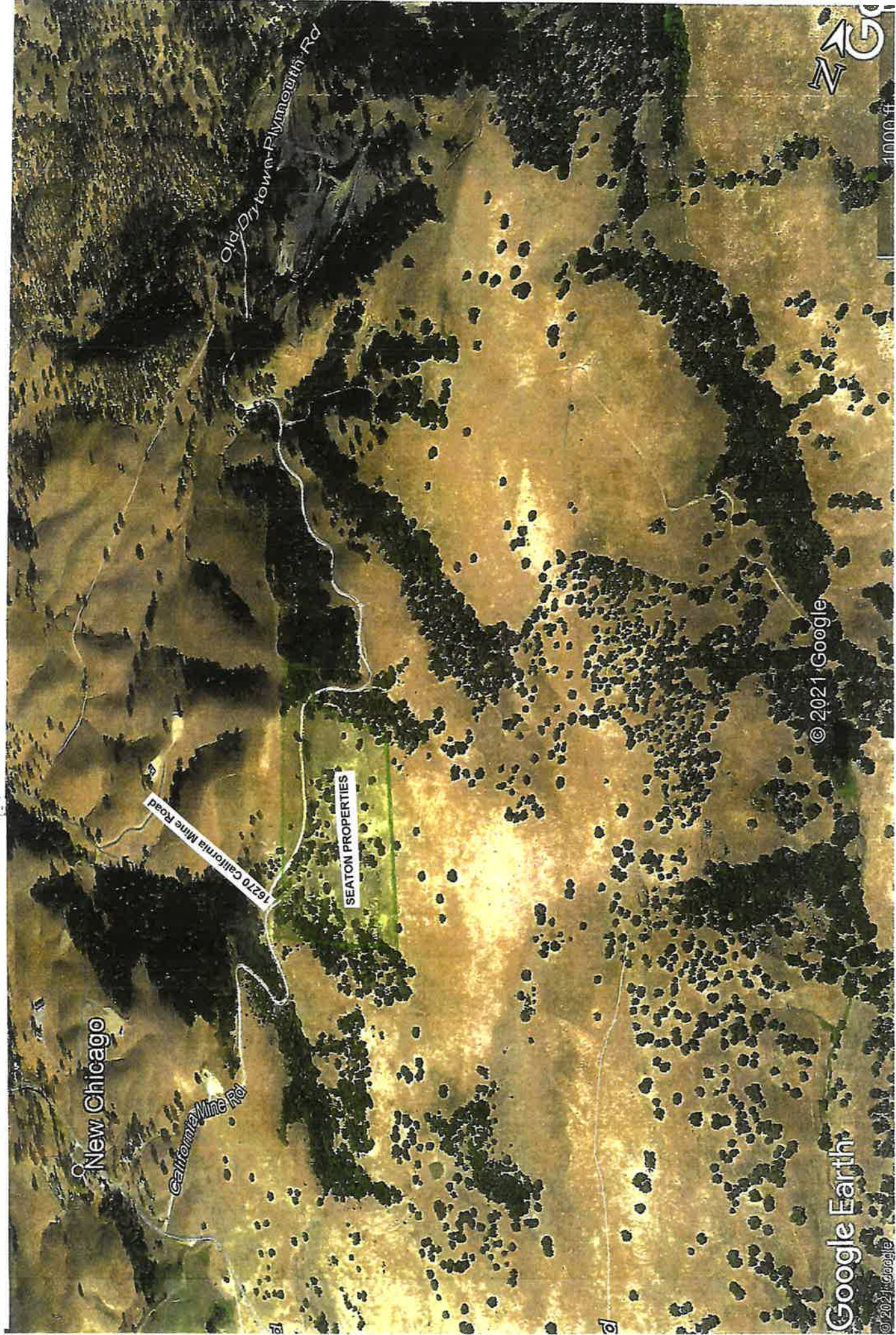
As the surface mine is developed, the excavation will be backfilled with dried mill tailings and waste rock from the South Peerless Shaft that is present beneath the trees to the north of the proposed mine and additional waste rock mined and stockpiled to the north. The backfilled surface mine will be regraded, covered with soil from a soil source area in the northeastern portion of the permit area and reseeded. The proposed mining and reclamation are shown by illustrations that follow.

Reactivation of underground mining is proposed as surface-mineable ore is processed. Markets for waste rock from such mining have developed. Ground slate as an additive in asphaltic-concrete and so-called "greenstone" for rip rap, roofing granules, etc. A site to store such material, temporarily, while markets are developed is proposed near the North Peerless Shaft. Existing waste rock (a mixture of slate and quartz) in that area will be used to backfill Exploration Pit 3. Backfilled areas will be regraded, covered with soil, and reseeded.

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LOCATION

SEATON MINE PROPERTIES



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120°51.000' W

120°50.000' W

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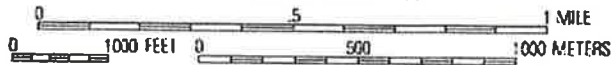
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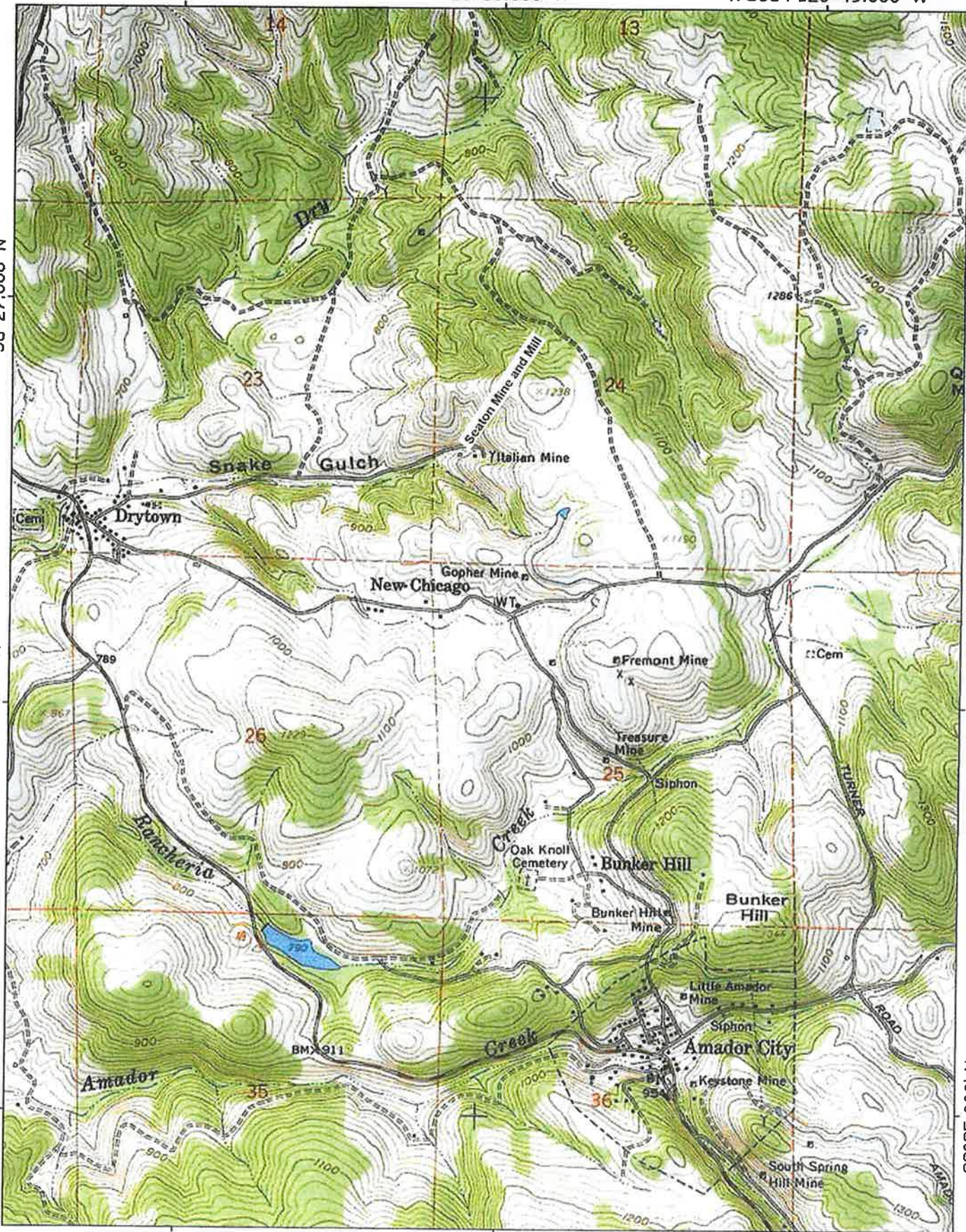
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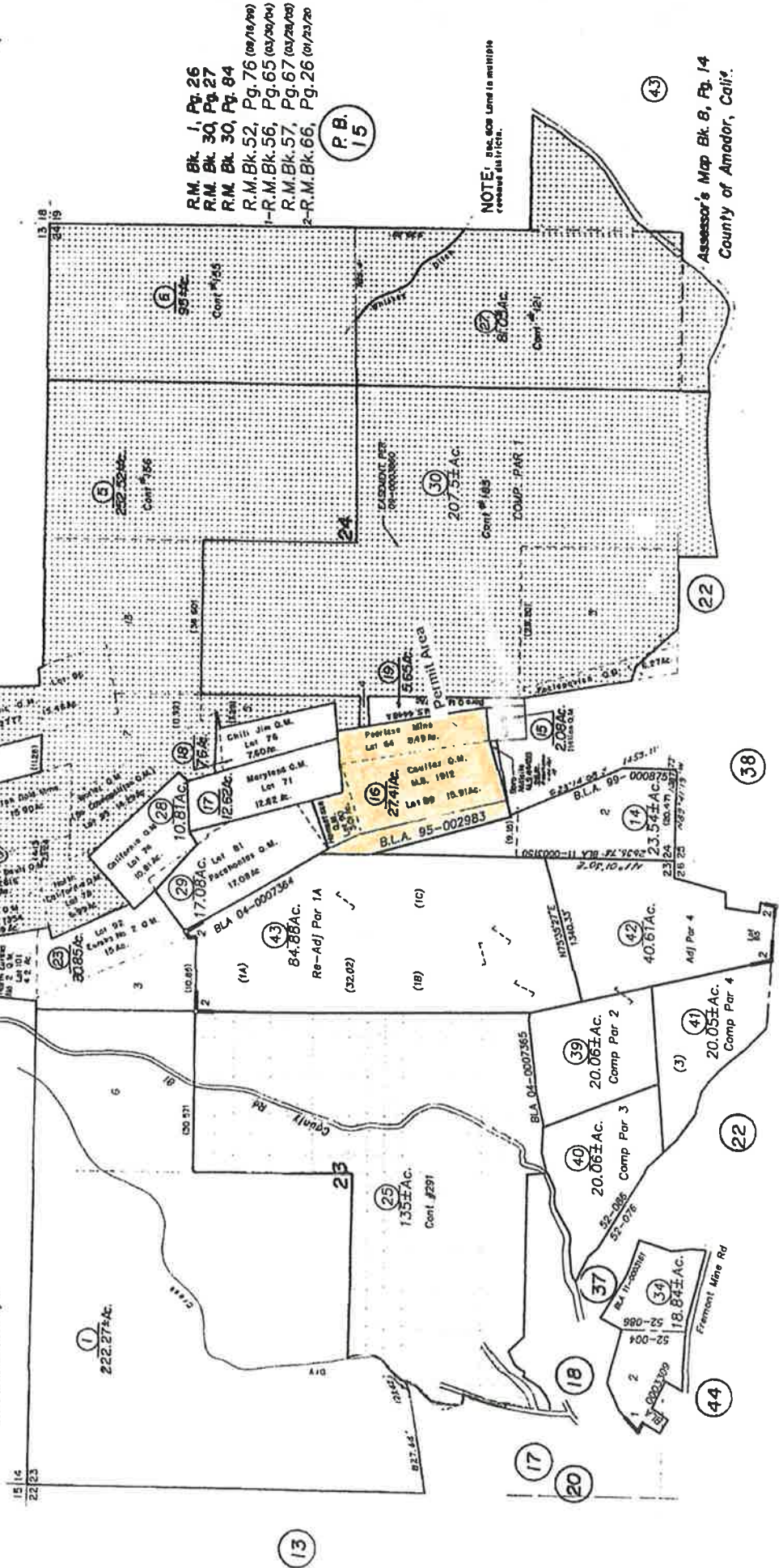
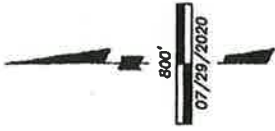


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NOTE: SAC, 608 Land is multi-use reviewed via title.

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County of Amador, Calif.

A2

ACCESS

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Ron + Linda Matulich
at 45 Min. Pas: 11 A M

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WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:
Ron and Linda Matulich
7400 Highway 16
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Official Records
Amador County, California

[Signature]
Recorder

RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT

RAM MARCH
[Signature]

This RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT entered into this 26 day
of March, 1995, between RONALD G. MATULICH and LINDA L. MATULICH,
husband and wife, hereinafter called the First Party and EMMA H. ROSE
PARTNERS, a California General Partnership hereinafter called the Second
Party.

W I T N E S S E T H:

THAT WHEREAS, The Parties hereto are the owners of adjoining parcels
of land situate in the County of Amador, State of California,

AND WHEREAS, it is the mutual desire of the parties hereto to
establish of Record an easement for and more particularly described as
follows:

An easement 80 feet in width for road and Public Utility
purposes including but not limited to electric power, telephone,
cable television, sanitary sewer, & water together with any and all
appurtenances thereto: also together with the right to dedicate for
public use for the purposes stated a strip of land situated in the
East 1/2 of Section 24, T.7 N., R.10 E., M.D.M., Amador County,
California the centerline of which being more particularly described
as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the South line of said Section 24
from which the Southwest corner of said Section bears N.
88°48'45" W. 10.00 distant; thence N. 37°12'51" E. 156.24 feet;
thence Easterly along a curve concave to the South, having a
radius of 100 feet, a central angle of 67°13'13", and an arc
length of 117.32 feet; thence S. 75°33'57" E. 36.34 feet; thence
Northeasterly along a curve concave to the North, having a radius

of 75 feet, a central angle of $109^{\circ}26'34''$ and an arc length of 143.26 feet; thence N. $05^{\circ}00'32''$ W. 142.37 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the West, having a radius of 225 feet, a central angle of $27^{\circ}33'54''$ and an arc length of 108.25 feet; thence N. $32^{\circ}34'24''$ W. 35.16 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 225 feet, a central angle of $11^{\circ}16'46''$ and an arc length of 44.30 feet; thence N. $21^{\circ}17'38''$ W. 393.60 feet; thence Northeasterly along a curve concave to the South, having a radius of 50 feet, a central angle of $120^{\circ}14'44''$ and an arc length of 104.93 feet; thence S. $81^{\circ}02'54''$ E. 263.71 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the West, having a radius of 60 feet, a central angle of $146^{\circ}09'48''$ and an arc length of 153.06 feet; thence N. $47^{\circ}12'43''$ W. 285.65 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 250 feet, a central angle of $57^{\circ}52'57''$ and an arc length of 252.56 feet; thence N. $10^{\circ}40'14''$ E. 445.54 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the West, having a radius of 350 feet, a central angle of $39^{\circ}17'36''$ and an arc length of 240.03 feet; thence N. $28^{\circ}37'22''$ W. 122.83 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 350 feet, a central angle of $11^{\circ}11'59''$ and an arc length of 68.42 feet; thence N. $17^{\circ}25'23''$ W. 170.93 feet; thence Northerly along a curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 200 feet, a central angle of $72^{\circ}38'19''$ and an arc length of 253.56 feet; thence N. $55^{\circ}12'55''$ E. 38.87 feet; thence Easterly along a curve concave to the South, having a radius of 375 feet, a central angle of $12^{\circ}05'04''$ and an arc length of 79.09 feet; thence N. $67^{\circ}17'59''$ E. 120 feet more or less to a point on the East line of the Homestake Quartz Mine.

Together with a slope easement to extend 5 feet beyond the top of all cuts and toe of all fills should they extend beyond the strip described above.

NOW, therefore, in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefit and advantage to each of the Parties hereto, said Parties agree, each with the other, that said Easement be hereby established of Record, and the First Part hereby grants to the Second Party the herein described Easement as located on the lands of the First Party; and the Second Party

hereby grants to the First Party the herein described Easement as located on the Lands of the Second Party.

FIRST PARTY

Ronald G. Matulich
RONALD G. MATULICH
Linda L. Matulich
LINDA L. MATULICH

SECOND PARTY

EMMA H. ROSE PARTNERS
A California General
Partnership

Henry A. Alker III
HENRY A. ALKER III

Hayward R. Alker, Jr.
HAYWARD R. ALKER, JR.

Charity E. Alker
CHARITY E. ALKER

STATE OF NEW YORK,
COUNTY OF PUTNAM } SS:

On this 29th day of March, 1995 before me personally appeared CHARITY E. ALKER to me known and known to me to be the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing certificate, and she thereupon duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Barbara Orr
NOTARY PUBLIC

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I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE NOTARY SEAL OF BARBARA ORR AFFIXED TO THE WITHIN DOCUMENT, WHILE NOT BEING PHOTOGRAPHICALLY REPRODUCIBLE, CAN BE READ. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID NOTARY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON Sept 30, 1996. THE NOTARY BOND AND COMMISSION IS FILED IN Putnam COUNTY.

PLACE OF EXECUTION NEW YORK
DATE 3-29-95

Linda L. Matulich
(Signature and date, if any)

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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County of AMADOR

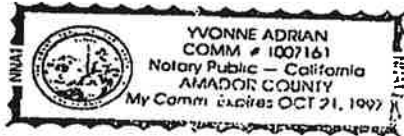
On APRIL 26, 1995 before me, YVONNE ADRIAN - NOTARY PUBLIC

DATE NAME, TITLE OF OFFICER - E.G. "JANE DOE, NOTARY PUBLIC"

personally appeared *RONALD G. MATULICH AND LINDA L. MATULICH*

NAME(S) OF SIGNER(S)

personally known to me - OR - proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Yvonne Adrian

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY

OPTIONAL

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CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of San Francisco

County of California

On April 7, 1995 before me, Tami M. Chan Notary Public

personally appeared Henry A. Aiker III

personally known to me - OR - proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



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Haywood R. Aiker, Jr.
Charity E. Aiker
SIGNER(S) OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE

END OF DOCUMENT

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

On MARCH 31, 1995 before me, _____

THERESA G. SUSON, Notary Public,

personally appeared ***HAYWARD R. ALKER, JR.***

~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) ~~is~~ are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he~~ she/they executed the same in ~~his~~ her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by ~~his~~ her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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Signature

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GEOLOGIC SETTING

SEATON MINE

Surface Geologic Map



**REVIEW OF
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM
FOR THE SEATON MINE REACTIVATION USE PERMIT
AND RECLAMATION PLAN**

Item 2

The prefabricated building planned for an office will be used for final crushing of ore, in a ball mill, and gold recovery, using gravity separation only, under its roof. Initial crushing, that consists of a jaw crusher, hammer mill, conveyors, and bins, has been installed between the building and the underground mine-portal. Authority to Construct has been issued by the Amador County Air Pollution Control District for this work and a Permit to Operate is pending. A trailer has been placed onsite for use as an office. The slope of the terrace cut for the office has been reseeded.

Grading permits issued by the Amador County Building Department for exploration at specific sites, with dimensions, proved the economic viability of surface mining until underground mine reactivation occurs. A proposed surface mine has been designed and mining will continue beyond the areas covered by the two southern exploration pits.

It has been determined that waste rock removed during underground mining can be sold. Therefore, the expansion of waste rock piles, originally included in the Reclamation Plan, will not be necessary. Existing waste rock on the surface near the North Peerless and South Peerless shafts will be used to backfill surface pits and those areas, and pits reseeded.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB) drastically reduced the arsenic content allowed in water used in irrigation. The biofilter designed and operated at the mine portal could not reduce the water issuing from the mine to the now allowed irrigation-water limit. A design was developed to use the mine-water in milling, recycle that water back through the previous underground mine workings, and drill a water well for potable water. Facility filings with the CRWQCB have been made, showing no discharge.

The only significant change in the Use Permit for which the Amador County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors adopted a Negative Declaration as the environment document, is the construction of an on-site mill, rather than moving the ore mined to the California-Maryland Mine, the reactivation of which was determined (by a resolution of the Amador County Board of Supervisors) to have "vested rights". Details on that change and a description of current plans are to be filed with the Amador County Planning Commission.

Item 4

Evidence of liability insurance has been filed with the Amador County Planning Department, in the required amount, by New Chicago Highlands, Inc., as successor of the Permittee.

Item 5

Lines a, b, and d: See Item 2, above.

Line c: The original Permittee executed a Road Maintenance Agreement, covering the use of New Chicago Road. The Amador County Works Agency claim it is not now on file. The current mine operator will execute another agreement.

Line e: This document

Item 6

A Surety Bond (financial assurance) to cover anticipated reclamation, in the amount of \$20,000, has been filed with the Amador County Planning Department. The amount of the bond is based on a quote from a contractor engaged in the development work, as specified in Item 26 of the document being reviewed.

Revisions to planning described in the original approved, and extended, Reclamation Plan are described in the filing to be made with the Amador County Planning Commission. Activities conducted and planned are in accordance with the State Surface Mining and Reclamation Act. Disturbed areas not used and not to be disturbed in the future have been reseeded.

Item 7

As discussed in Item 2, the changes in the approved plans are described in the document to be filed with the Planning Commission. The change in the mill location, to a site adjacent to the second of two mills that operated on the property until the 1950's, is considered a minor change. Some of the other changes are considered to have positive effects on the natural environment, namely: the waste rock from previous underground mining presently in piles on the surface will be used as backfill in surface pits and those areas and pits reseeded; no future waste rocks will be placed on the property; and water containing arsenic that has issued from the Seaton Tunnel since it was driven in 1882 will be recirculated resulting in no potential discharge to adjacent lands,

Item 8

A letter has been sent to the Planning Director requesting approval of the professional who prepared this document and is preparing Use Permit and Reclamation Plan revisions. A firm engaged by the county conducts annual inspections.

Item 9

Plans call for the removal of the trailers placed on the project, along with all above-ground mining equipment and supplies when the mining operation ends. The prefabricated building will remain to support post-mining agriculture endeavors.

Item 10

“Authority To Construct” has been issued by the Amador County Air Pollution District for the milling operation and a “Permit To Operate” is pending. A “Permit To Operate” for all other phases of the operations that are required by the air district will be obtained.

Item 11

Equipment used in mining and ore transport have proper emissions control equipment installed.

Item 12

A dust abatement system, independent of that employed on the California Mine Road, covering onsite roads is in place. That system involves regular spraying of roads from a truck-mounted tank. If that proves inadequate, sprinkler lines and sprayers will be installed and water from the proposed groundwater well will be regularly sprinkled on the roads. A water tank and pipeline installed will allow for sprinklers to be installed all along the crushing circuit.

Item 13

All fuel and lubricants are properly stored on the site. Used lubricants are removed and properly disposed of.

Item 14

There are no hazardous materials presently on the site. None will be needed until underground mining begins and explosives become necessary. Surface excavations are made using a backhoe/loader, with a hydraulic hammer. No blasting is anticipated.

Item 15

A biofilter to remove some of the arsenic contained in mine water issuing from the Seaton Tunnel was installed. That system removed sufficient arsenic to render the water acceptable for irrigation until the state reduced the amount of arsenic allowed. The current plans call for the recycling of the mine water back through previous mine-workings. A facility filing has been made with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board indicating no discharge of mine water from project activities.

Item 16

A solid-waste management plan for the project will be established.

Items 17 & 18

All surface drainage from the hills where mining activity has been and will be conducted on the project, and from the centerline of the California Mine Road and the centerline of the access road to the eastern portion of the project flows into impoundment ponds constructed and impoundment created by fill on the California Mine Road. Any overflow from the impoundments constructed will be recycled with water issuing from the underground mine.

Item 19

There are no drainage channels steep enough to cause serious erosion that require the placement of rip rap.

Item 20

Removal of trees and brush to date, and anticipated, is minimal. None were removed along drainage channels. A few trees on channels have toppled, naturally.

Item 21

Should erosion control be required, plans will be submitted for approval.

Item 22

No construction activity will be conducted during the rainy season. Mining during that season will occur underground or in pits with internal drainage and drainage into the underground workings through a slope extended to the surface.

Item 23

Detailed plans for the reclamation of pits and other areas were included in a Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (FACE) document filed with the Amador County Planning Department.

Item 24

The sediment control features (impoundment) constructed have been proven adequate.

Item 25

Recoverable soil and subsoil from new disturbed areas will be stockpiled and reseeded until needed in reclamation. A soil source area was designed and the regular reseeding described in the FACE document filed.

Item 26

The financial assurance (Surety Bond) specified in the FACE document has been posted.

Item 27

Line a: The rims of vertical cuts made on the property will be fenced and marked in accordance with the instructions of this item.

Lines b & c: Instructions included in this Item will be followed.

Item 28

The current mine operator has not executed a grazing lease. The grazing by stock from adjacent lands is not considered extensive enough to require fencing of reseeded areas.

Other conditions included in this item will be complied with.

Item 29

The dense vegetation on the portal terrace near the Seaton Tunnel has been maintained. It is in that area that crushing equipment has been installed. That vegetation and the building will muffle noise created.

Noise levels at permit boundaries will be recorded, periodically, with proper equipment and compared to ambient noise levels.

The nearest regular human exposure to the noise created is a residence approximately 2,300 feet to the southeast.

Item 30

The original permittee executed such a Road Maintenance Agreement.

Items 31 & 32

Any hauling on New Chicago Road will comply with the conditions of these Items.

PREPARED ON BEHALF OF NEW CHICAGO HIGHLANDS, INC.

BY:



David T. Sanders, Professional Geologist

Dated: July 24, 2023

PROPOSED SURFACE MINE EXPANSION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Excavation in exploration pits within an unusual quartz vein system, with thickness that exceeds 100 feet, defined gold ore in zones controlled by faults. The gold content within these two zones (see map that follows) proved sufficient to warrant extraction to supply an onsite mill at a rate of 50 tons per shift.

It is proposed that surface mining continue from the southern exploration pits (Pits 1 & 2) that are shown on following photographs and be expanded, laterally, where the ore grade is of a commercial grade. The area above the ore zone along a southeastern extension of Pit 2 is to be a temporary placement site for the dewatering of mill tailings and the recirculation of mine water used at the mill. Mining will not occur in that area until that use is no longer needed.

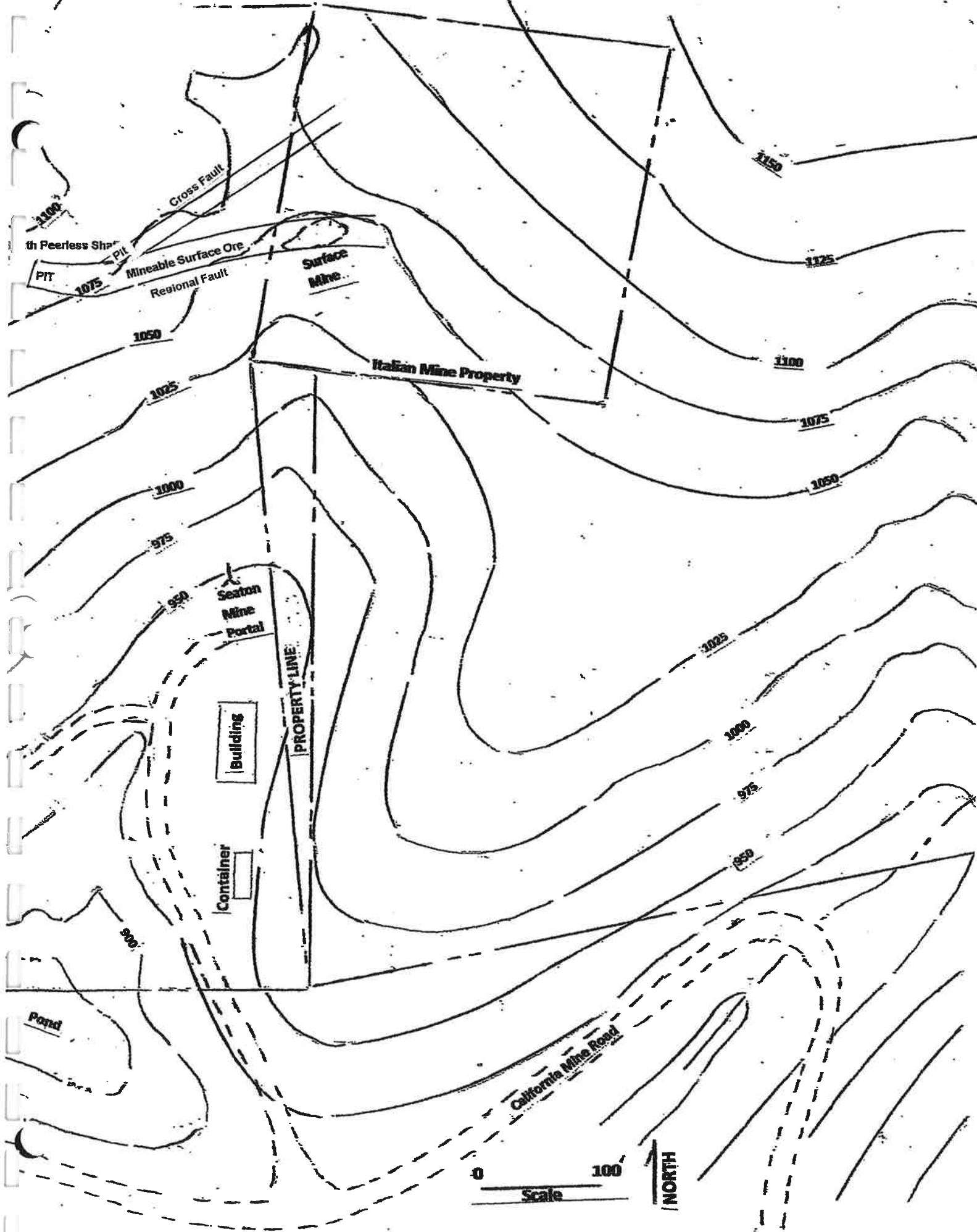
Mining has been, and will continue to be, conducted using a Caterpillar 440 backhoe/loader with a hydraulic hammer to break the quartz to a size that a jaw crusher at the mill will handle. As mining progresses, that unit will load a truck to move the rock to the mill.

Benches in the pit will be at intervals within the reach of the backhoe, approximately 17 feet. The main, western zone will eventually mine to the existing Italian Mine surface pit.

High-grade ore has been sampled on both sides of the northern portion of a massive outcrop of quartz. That entire outcrop will be mined and a pit at least 34 feet deep created. Ore grade has not yet been defined throughout the southern portion of this massive outcrop, but such ore has been sampled along a fault trace that bounds the outcrop on the west. It is likely that significant rock without sufficient gold content to mine economically will remain in place there and the collar of a shaft to underground workings will be preserved.

As the surface mine is developed, the excavation will be backfilled with dried mill tailings and waste rock from the South Peerless Shaft that is present beneath the trees to the north of the proposed mine and additional waste rock mined and stockpiled to the north. The backfilled surface mine will be regraded, covered with soil from a soil source area in the northeastern portion of the permit area and reseeded. The proposed mining and reclamation are shown by illustrations that follow.

Reactivation of underground mining is proposed as surface-mineable ore is processed. Markets for waste rock from such mining have developed. Ground slate as an additive in asphaltic-concrete and so-called "greenstone" for rip rap, roofing granules, etc. A site to store such material, temporarily, while markets are developed is proposed near the North Peerless Shaft. Existing waste rock (a mixture of slate and quartz) in that area will be used to backfill Exploration Pit 3. Backfilled areas will be regraded, covered with soil, and reseeded.



Peerless Shaft

PIT

Mineable Surface Ore

Surface Mine

Regional Fault

Italian Mine Property

Seaton Mine Portal

Building

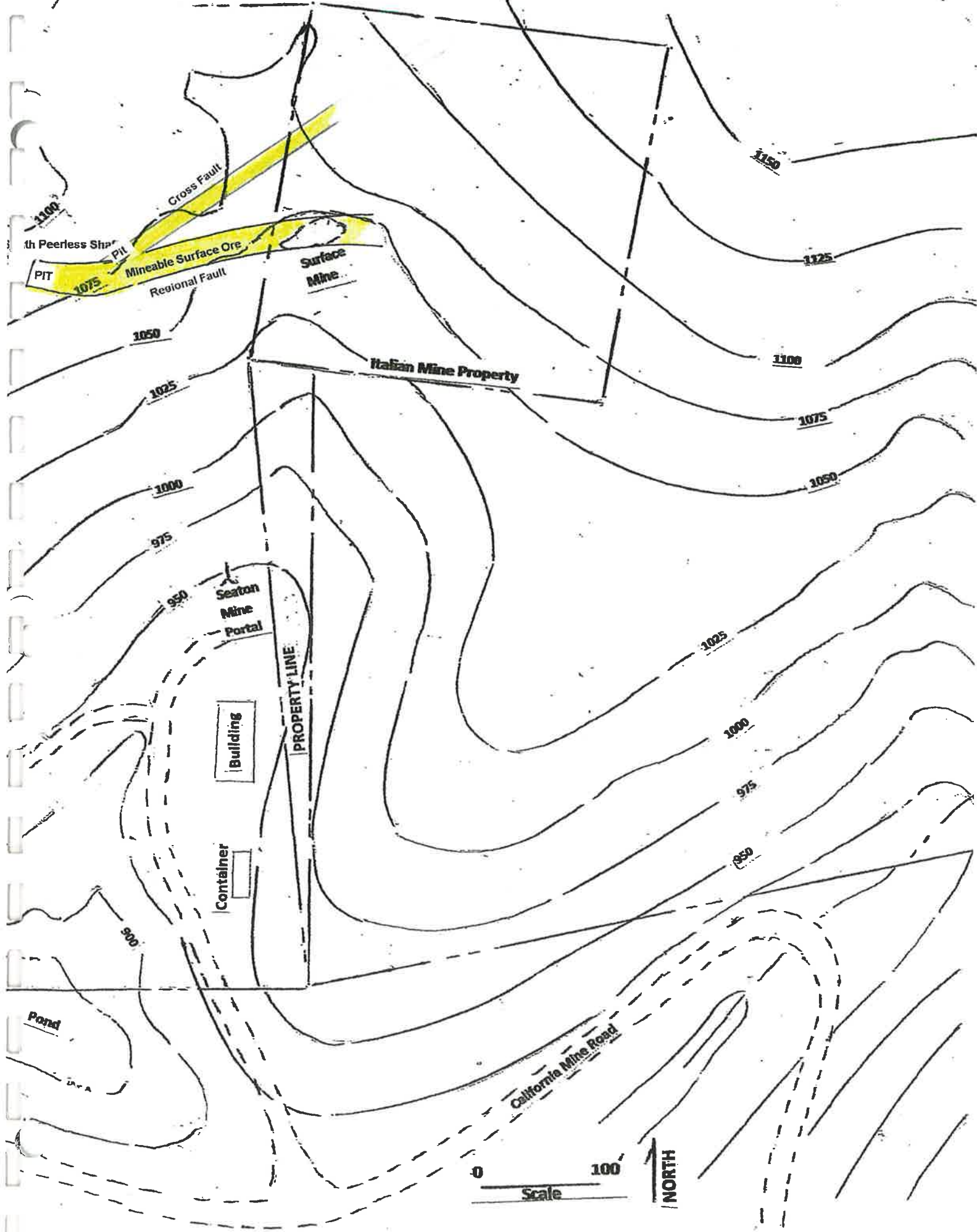
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Pond

California Mine Road

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NORTH

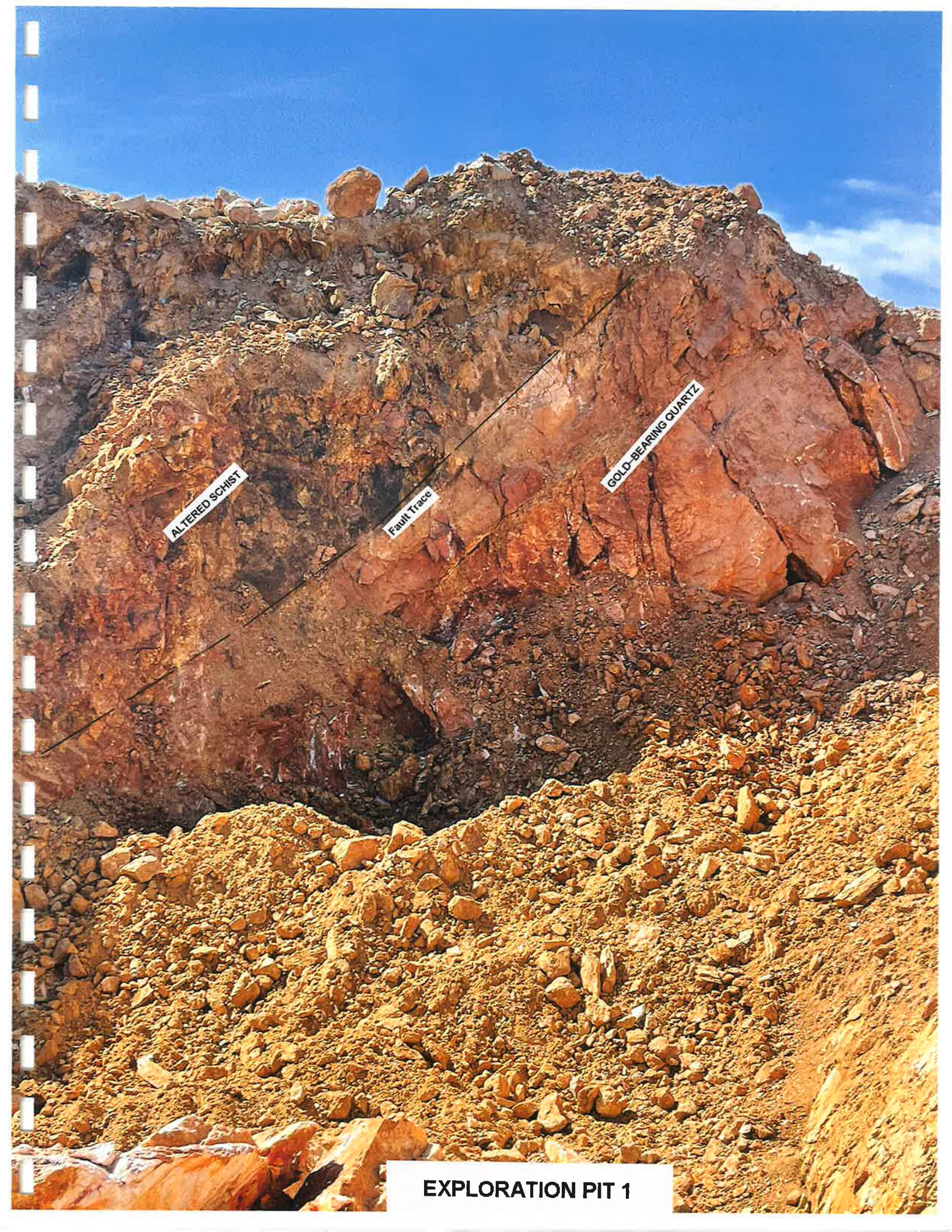


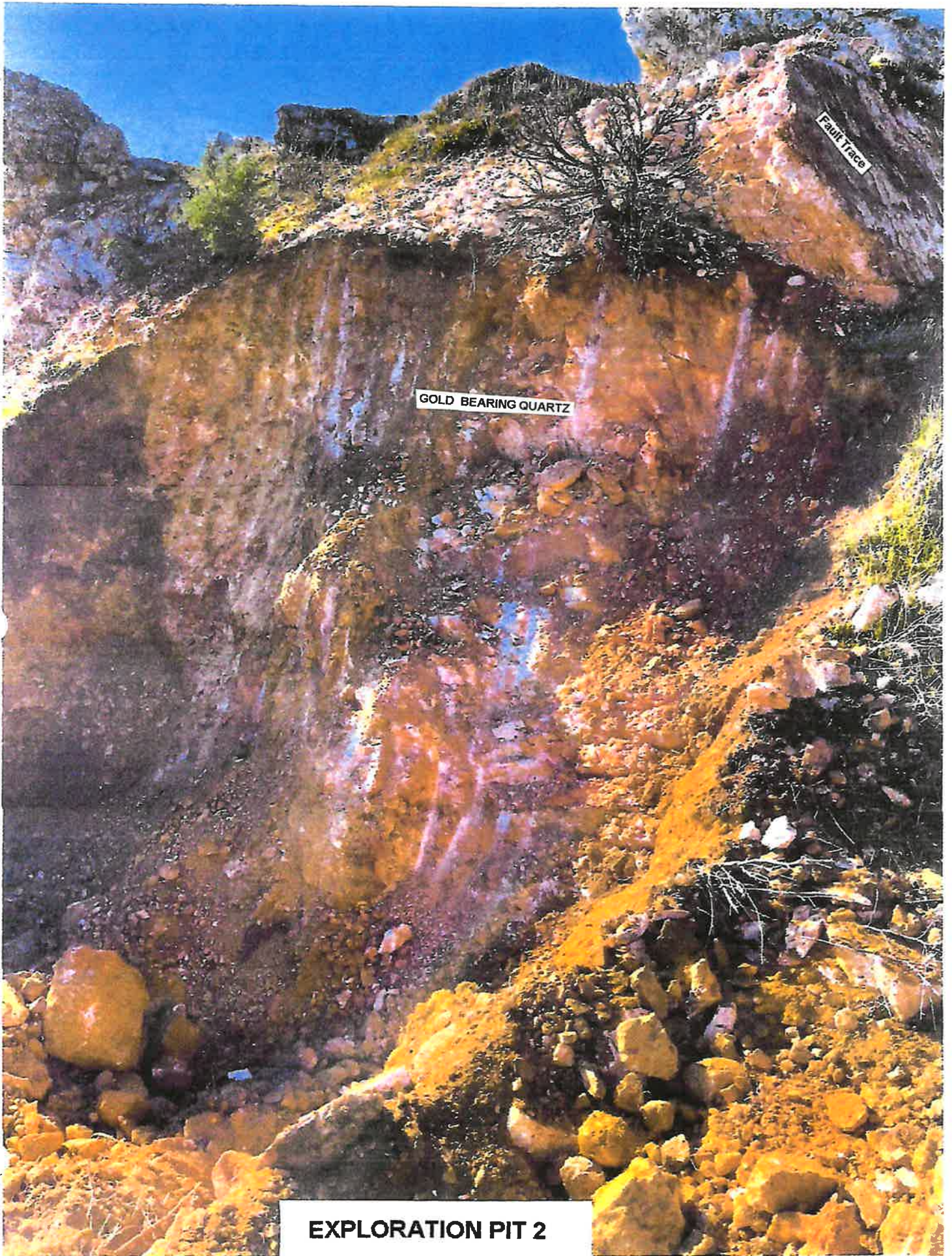
ALTERED SCHIST

Fault Trace

GOLD-BEARING QUARTZ

EXPLORATION PIT 1





Fault Face

GOLD BEARING QUARTZ

EXPLORATION PIT 2

Legend

Expanded Surface Mine



Google Earth

200 ft

Legend



200 ft

Expanded Surface Mine

Reclamation

SURFACE MINE RECLAMATION AREA

WITH GRADING PERMIT

Google Earth



Legend



100 ft

WASTE ROCK USE AND PLACEMENT

Terrace Enlargement
TEMPORARY WASTE ROCK PLACEMENT

Areas To Be Regraded
Reseeded

Underground Waste Rock
BACKFILL FOR EXPLORATION 3

Legend



HAUL ROAD

PROPOSED EXCAVATION

14.0' 230pt

Retain Tree

ORE STOCKPILE

12.0' 0-189 opt w 8.0 0.430 opt

WASTE ROCK

Exploration Pit 3

Legend

Sample 21-01-02

Sample 21-01-03

Sample 21-01-04

EXPANDED MILL SITE

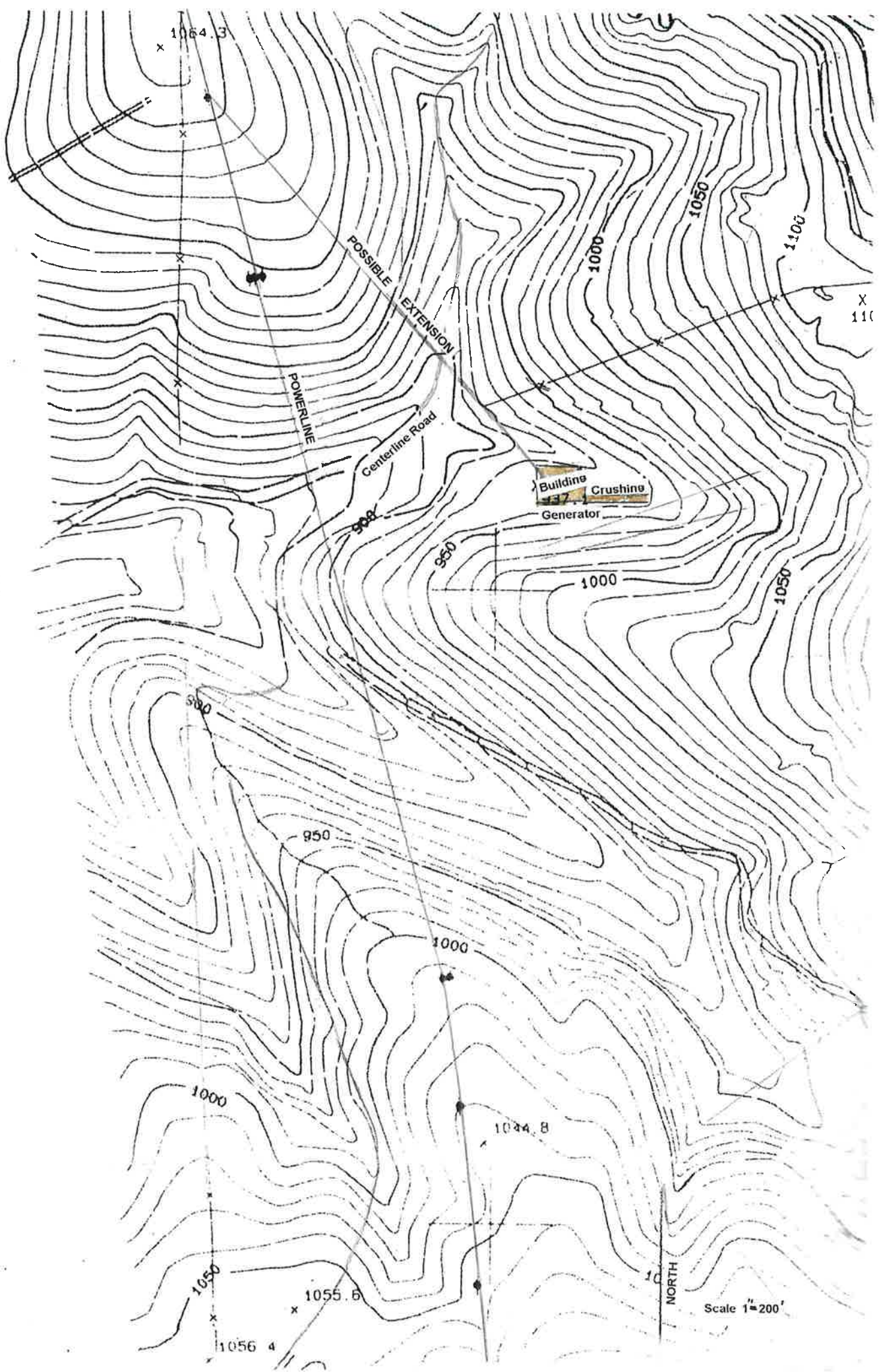
GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Initial milling was conducted on the Seaton Mine Properties adjacent to the South Peerless Shaft, beginning in the early 1850's. Another mill was constructed near the portal of the Seaton Tunnel in 1882, when that tunnel was driven. The portal of the tunnel remains open and the mill was operated until the mid-1950's.

The then Seaton Mine operator, Emma H. Rose Mining Company, had a working association with Ronald G. Matulich, who anticipated the construction of a mill on the California-Maryland mines when the reactivation of the Seaton Mine was approved, and chose to show, in the reactivation documents, that the milling of ore produced at the Seaton Mine would be done there, instead of modernizing the on-site milling operation.

The current owner of the mine property, New Chicago Highlands, Inc., chose to establish modern on-site milling. That facility is situated on land that was a part of earlier milling. The layout of the mill is shown by illustrations that follow.

Water that has drained from the Seaton Tunnel since it was driven is to be used at the mill and re-circulated through the workings. Initially, power will come from a portable generator. An extension of power from a nearby transmission line, on a final route to be determined, is anticipated in the future.

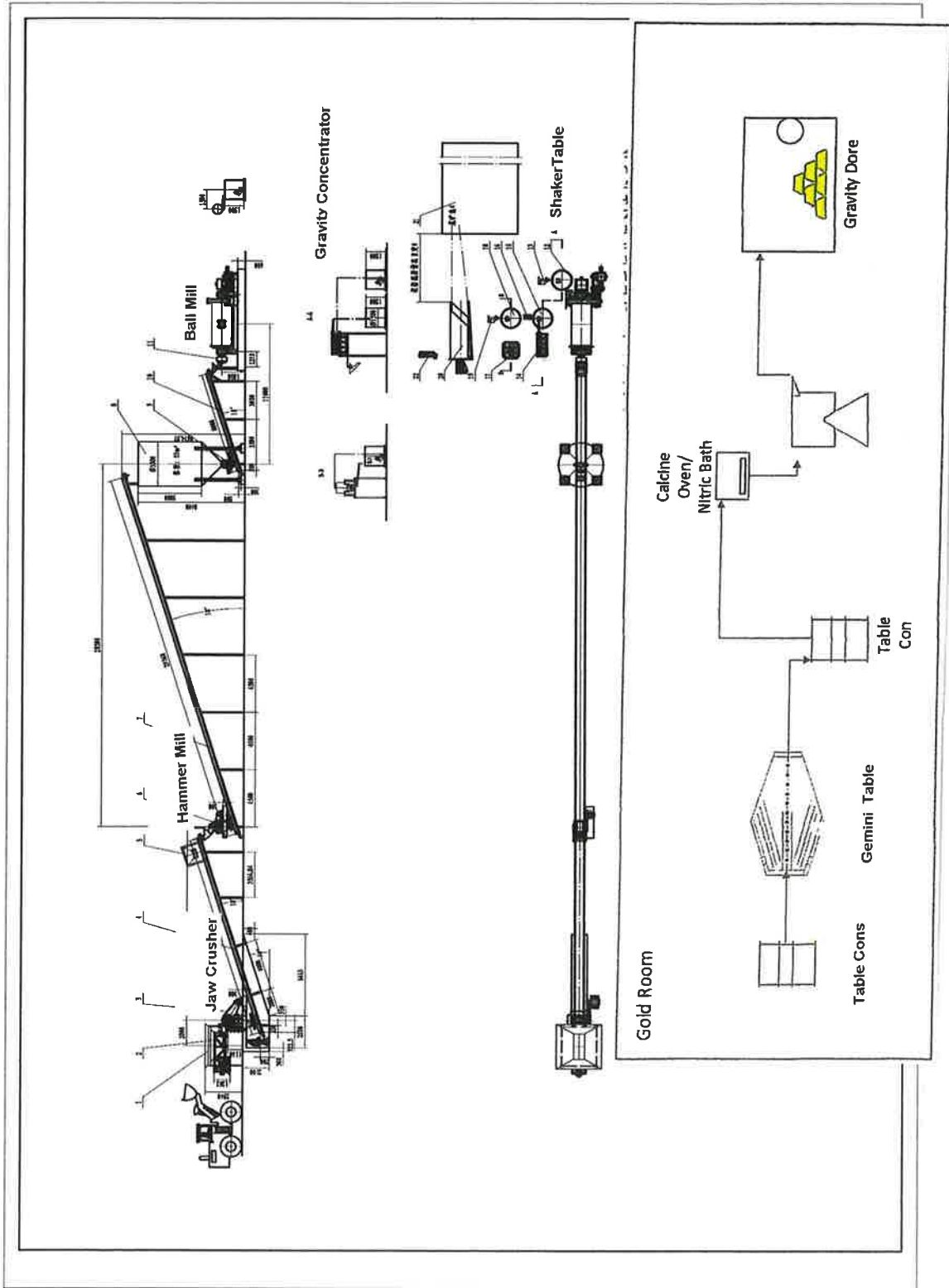


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Scale 1"=200'

MILL LAYOUT



AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT DOCUMENT

A/C#
23-186

AMADOR AIR DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

- Answer all questions completely in the **Application**. If you don't know the answer to a question, call the District staff for assistance.
- Submit all data requested in the **Attachment**. If the information does not apply, state that the information does not apply.
- A filing fee must accompany each application or it will not be processed. Please contact the office at 209/257-0112 for the current fee amount. Engineering fees incurred by the District to process your application will be billed to you. [Rule 605]
- A separate application must be submitted for each article, machine, system, process, or operation which can potentially emit air contaminants.
- This application is not directly transferable from one piece of equipment to another, from one permittee to another, or from one location to another. Call the District at 209/257-0112 if a change in ownership or control is planned.
- Mail completed application form and your filing fee to:

Amador Air District
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

Questions? **209/257-0112**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS

1. Is this Authority to construct intended to modify or replace an existing permit?
 Yes No If Yes, give permit number? _____
2. This application is hereby submitted to the Amador Air District for approval to install or modify the following article, machine, system, process, or operation:
 Description: *Rold mine all new equant*
3. Physical location where the equipment will be operated:
 Site name that will identify the project: *New Chico Highland*
 Street Address: *16270 California mine rd*
 Assessor's Parcel Number: *08-14 (15)*

* 4. Name of Installation Contractor: DAN Mondan-
Contact: DAN Mondan-
Mailing Address: 16250 Sutter Creek Rd
Phone Number: (209) 296-7041 cell (209) 419-0102

5. Estimated work schedule for this project:
Construction Starts: 1-1-23
Construction Ends: 7-1-23
Target Date for Operation to Begin: 7-15-23

6. What is the nature of your business? gold mining

7. What is the Standard Industrial Classification Code for the facility? _____

8. Corporation, company, or individual that Permits will be issued to:
Company Name: New Chicago Highland
Contact: Michael Gornet Email: mgornet@gmail.com
Phone # (209) 660-9020 FAX #: _____
Mailing Address: PO Box 251
City/State/Zip: Amador City CA 95601

9. Name and address where invoicing will be mailed:
Company Name: New Chicago Highland
Contact: Michael Gornet Email: mgornet@gmail.com
Phone # (209) 660-9020 FAX #: _____
Mailing Address: PO Box 251
City/State/Zip: Amador City CA 95601

10. Name and address of party responsible for annual reporting:
Company Name: _____
Contact: _____ Email: _____
Phone #: _____ FAX #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

11. Chief Executive Officer responsible for this equipment or process:
Name: DAN Mondani
Title: manager
Phone Number: (209) 419 0102

12. Site Contact responsible for operation of this equipment or process:
Name: DAN Mondani
Phone Number: (209) 419 0102

13. Is the proposed site of the equipment system properly zoned for the proposed use?
 YES
 NO

14. Is the proposed equipment system within 1,000 feet of the outer boundary of an existing school site?
 YES
 NO

15. Signature and Title of applicant: Dan Mondani
Print name and title: DAN Mondani
Date: June 27 - 2023

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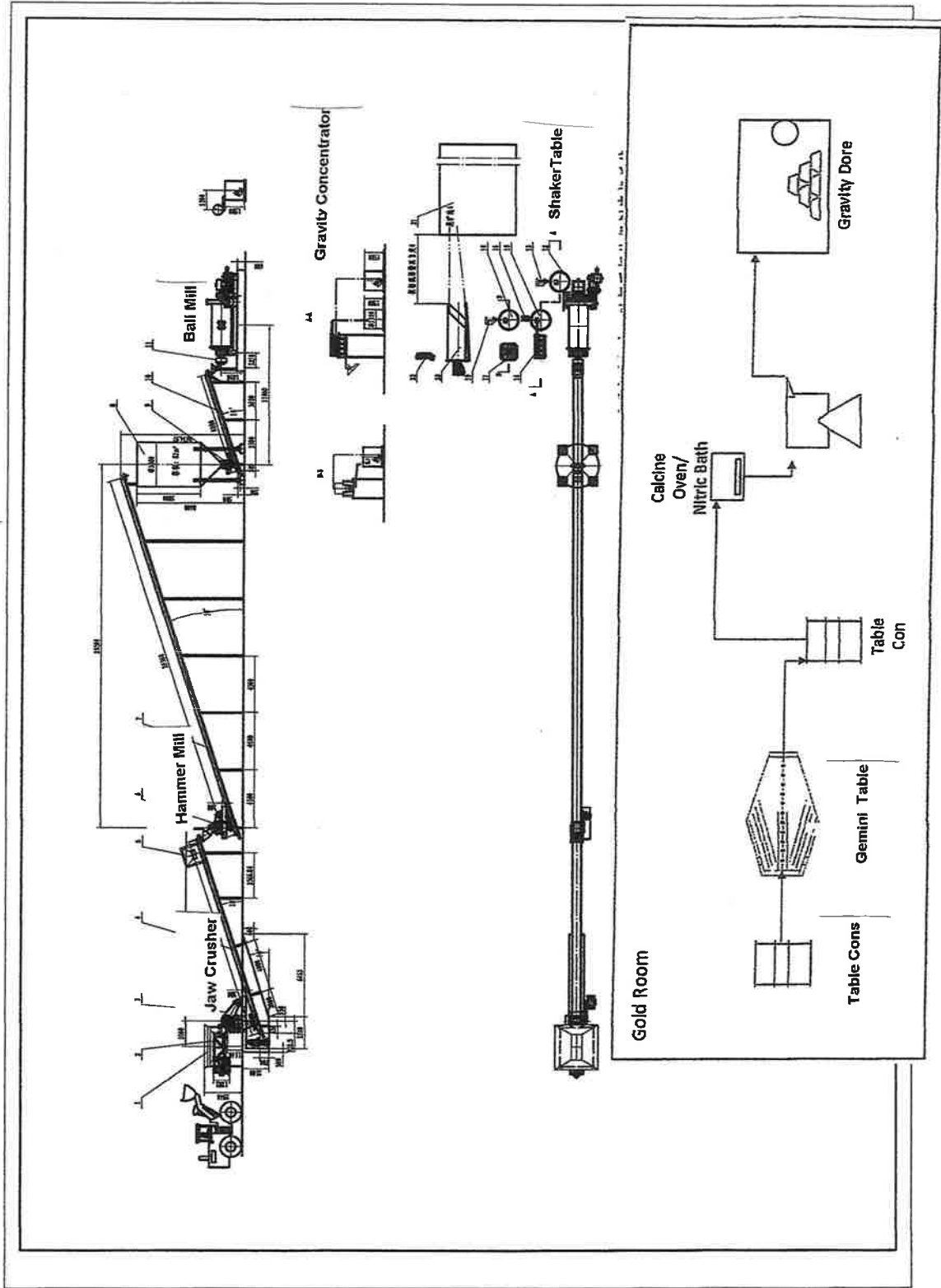
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Date application deemed complete: _____ By: _____
Date engineering evaluation requested: _____ By: _____
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Date engineering fee paid by applicant: _____

[] Issued Date of approval: _____

[] Denied

Approved By: _____ Title: _____

MILL LAYOUT



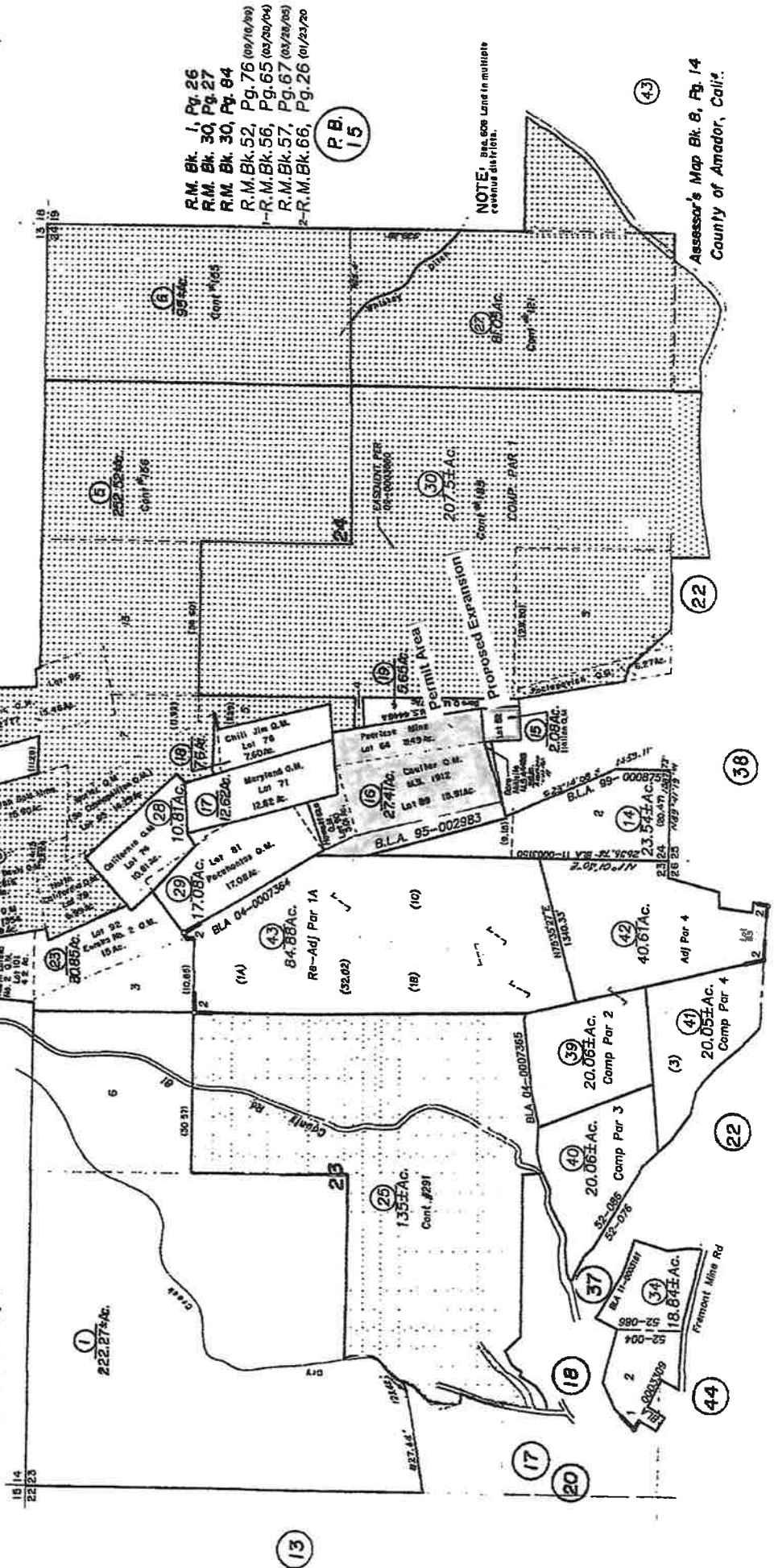
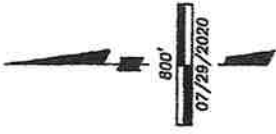
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08-14

IMPORTANT NOTE: This map was prepared for property tax assessment purposes only. It is assumed that the property, as described in it, does, is the property being assessed. No liability is assumed for the accuracy of the data delineated hereon.

Map changes become effective with the 2021-2022 roll year. Parcel numbers are subject to change prior to adoption of roll on each July 1.



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NOTE: See also Land in matters revenue districts.

Assessor's Map Bk. 8, Pg. 14
County of Amador, Calif.

1. Rock Crusher, Stamp mill, ball mill, all new conveyor belts, all new equipment. CAT 440 backhoe, Kabbota front end loader.
2. Attached Map in packet & property lines.
3. Mining area - inside parcel, haul road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from stockpile to crusher.
4. Operation Schedule - 5 days a week, hoping 24 hrs a day, will go if needed daylight to dark, keep work until weather permits a stop.
5. Quarts Ore, 50 ton a day, 14,250^{tons} a year.
6. Diesel fuel will be used, approx 128,250 gallons used a year.
7. Attached.
8. Attached.

* Generator 900 KW
↳ PERP

Authority To Construct was issued by the Amador Air District for mill construction. A copy of that document was filed with the Amador County Planning Department who determined that the authority was issued prematurely. Installing milling equipment has been suspended pending the final approval of this application.

TAILINGS DISPOSAL

GENERAL STATEMENT

Phase One of tailings disposal from the mill will involve a slurry line to an existing tank, transfer of water and tailings to a water tanker trailer (such as the one shown on the following page), and the movement of the material to a dewatering site as a backhaul for the truck moving surface-mined ore to the mill. Phase Two will involve a slurry line up the hill adjacent to the mill. These phases are shown by illustrations that follow.

Water removed from the slurry will be recycled to the underground flow via an existing shaft, a flow that provides water for the mill near the Seaton Mine portal. Dried tailings will be part of the backfilling of new surface pits and, eventually, placed in an existing surface pit and underground workings at the Italian Mine (subject to obtaining a grading permit and landowner permission). With tailings disposal in the Italian Mine workings, the dewatering site will be abandoned and surface mining extended to that area. The water will continue to be recycled because the underground workings of the Italian Mine are connected to the Seaton Tunnel.

Water from the underground workings has been moved to retention ponds since 1998. Those ponds prevent discharge of mine-water. Should the ponds fill with mine water or surface runoff, that water will be included in the recycling system.

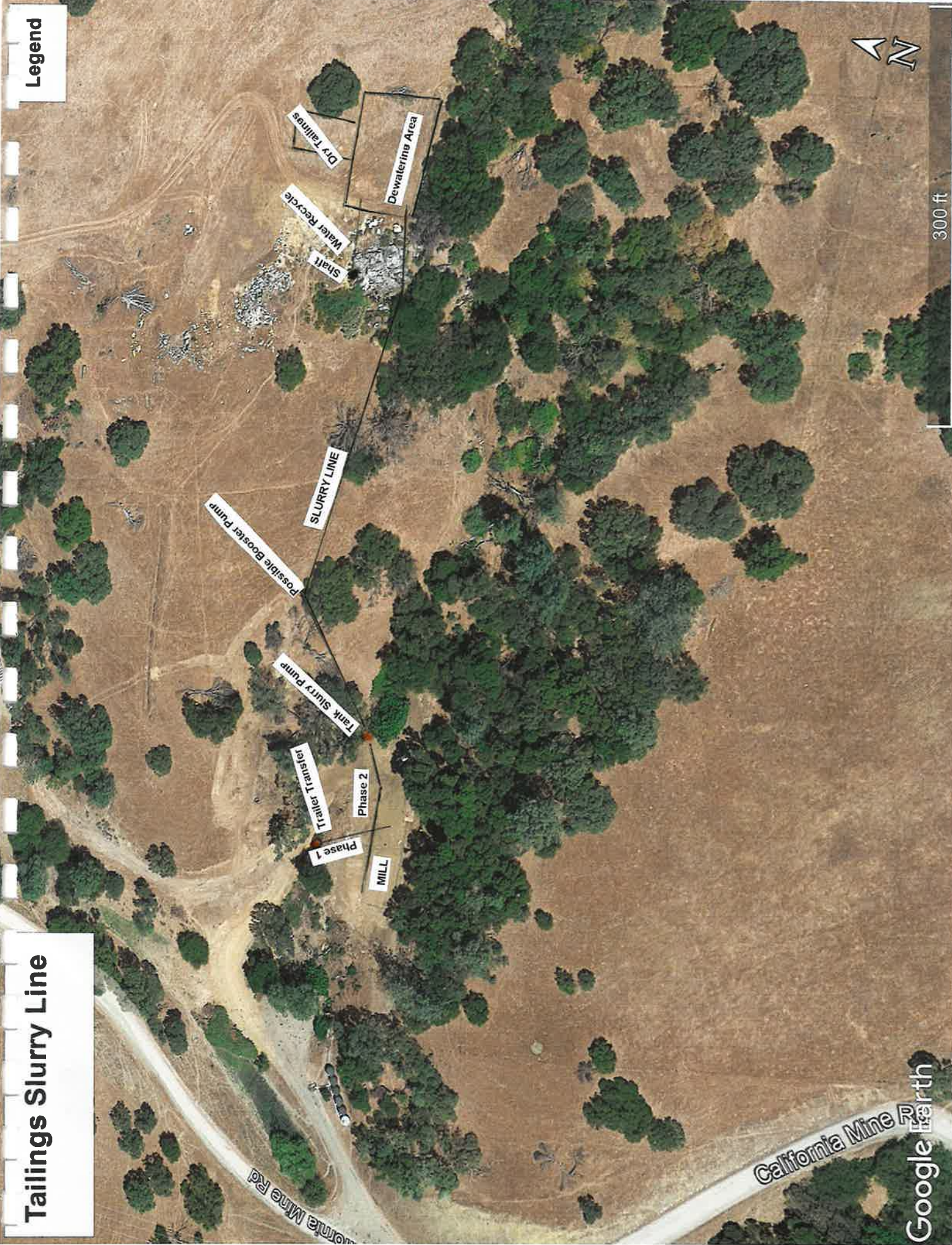
TRAILER FOR TAILINGS TRANSPORT

**RED Stainless Steel Water Tanker mounted on Four Wheels Trailer,
Model Name/Number: AASAI-WT-6000**

Brand	AASAI
Model Name/Number	AASAI-WT-6000
Material	Stainless Steel
Color	RED
Capacity	6000 LTR
Country of Origin	Made in India



Legend



Tailings Slurry Line

300 ft

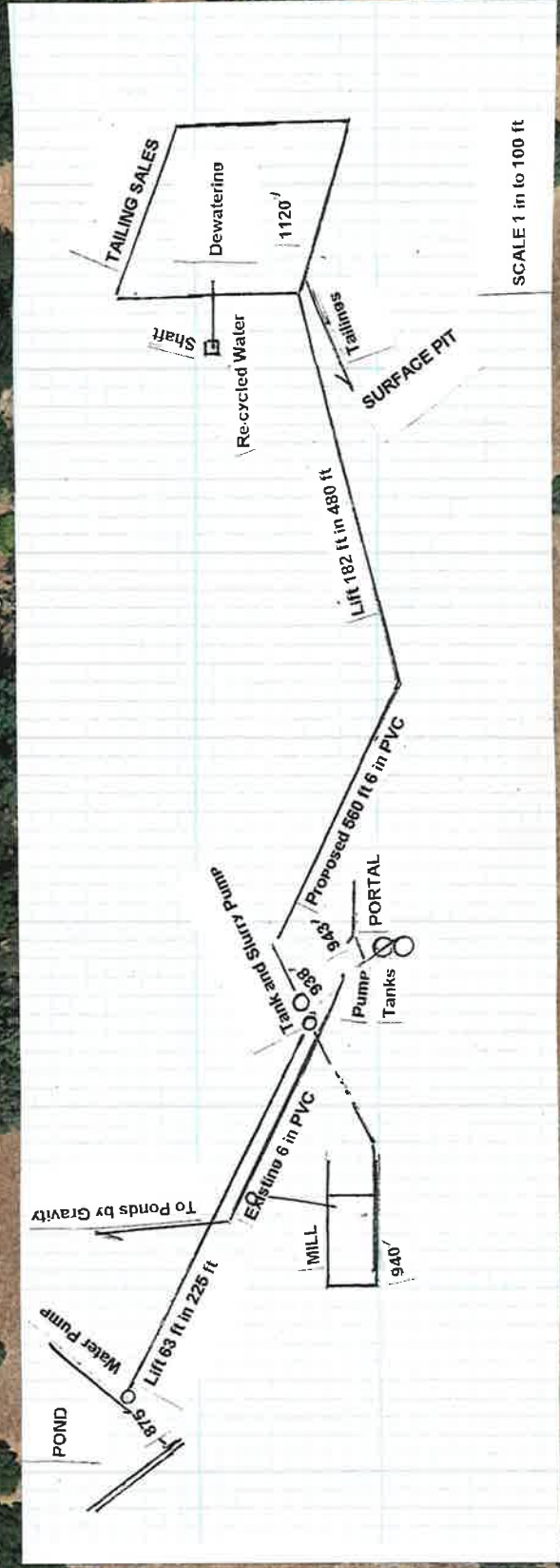
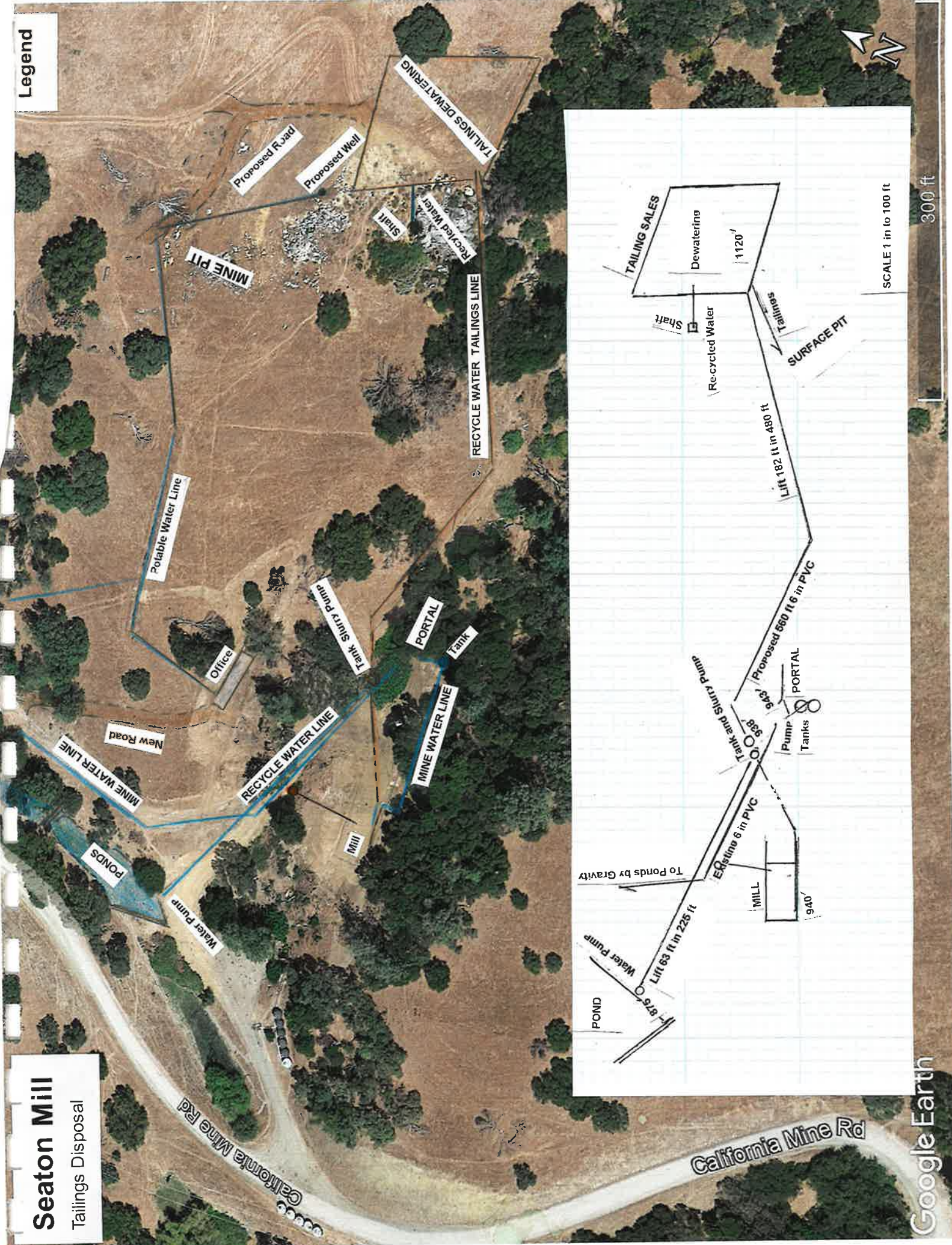


California Mine Rd

Google Earth

Legend

Seaton Mill
Tailings Disposal



SCALE 1 in to 100 ft

300 ft

POTABLE WATER DEVELOPMENT

POTABLE WATER DEVELOPMENT



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REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD FILING



State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board

APPLICATION/REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE
GENERAL INFORMATION FORM FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS OR NPDES PERMIT

I. FACILITY INFORMATION

A. FACILITY:

Name SEATON MINE
Address 16270 CALIFORNIA MINE ROAD
City/County/State/Zip Code AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
Contact Person DAN MONDANI
Telephone Number 209-419-0102 Email DANMONDANILOGGING@GMAIL.COM

B. FACILITY OWNER:

Name NEW CHICAGO HIGHLANDS, INC
Address P.O. Box 251
City/State/Zip Code AMADOR CITY CALIFORNIA 93601
Contact Person MICHAEL GORNET
Telephone Number 209 660-9020 Email mgornet@gmail.com
Federal Tax ID 86-2751418

Owner Type (Mark one):

- Individual [] Corporation [X] Governmental Agency [] Partnership [] Other: []

C. FACILITY OPERATOR (The agency or business, not the person):

Name SAME AS ABOVE
Address
City/State/Zip Code
Contact Person
Telephone Number
Email

Operator Type (Mark one):

- Individual [] Corporation [X] Governmental Agency [] Partnership [] Other: []

D. OWNER OF THE LAND

Name SAME AS ABOVE

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Owner Type (Mark one):

Individual Corporation Governmental Agency Partnership

Other: _____

E. ADDRESS WHERE LEGAL NOTICE MAY BE SERVED

Address SAME AS ABOVE

City/State/Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

F. BILLING ADDRESS

Address SAME AS ABOVE

City/State/Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

II. TYPE OF DISCHARGE

Check Type of Discharge(s) Described in this Application:

Waste Discharge to Land Waste Discharge to Surface Water

Check all that apply:

- Animal or Aquacultural Wastewater
- Animal Waste Solids
- Biosolids/Residual
- Cooling Water
- Domestic/ Municipal Wastewater Treatment and Disposal
- Dredge Material Disposal
- Hazardous Waste (see instructions)
- Industrial Process Wastewater
- Land Treatment Unit
- Landfill (see instructions)
- Mining
- Storm Water
- Surface Impoundment
- Waste Pile
- Wastewater Reclamation
- Other, please describe NO DISCHARGE

III. LOCATION OF THE FACILITY

Describe the physical location of the facility:

1. Assessor's Parcel Number(s)

Facility: 08-14-16

Discharge Point: None

2. Latitude

Facility: 38° 27' 25" N

Discharge Point: _____

3. Longitude

Facility: 120° 50' 10" E

Discharge Point: _____

IV. REASON FOR FILING

Check all that apply:

- New Discharge or Facility
- Change in Design or Operation
- Change in Quantity/Type of Discharge
- Changes in Ownership/Operator (see instructions)
- Waste Discharge Requirements Update or NPDES Permit Reissuance
- Other: _____

V. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Name of Lead Agency AMADOR COUNTY

Has a public agency determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA?

- Yes
- No

If yes, state the basis for the exemption and the name of the agency supplying the exemption on the line below:

Has a "Notice of Determination" been filed under CEQA?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, enclose a copy of the CEQA document, Environmental Impact Report (EIR), or Negative Declaration. If No, identify the expected type of CEQA document and expected date of completion.

Expected CEQA Documents: EIR Negative Declaration

Expected CEQA Completion Date: _____

VI. OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION

Please provide a COMPLETE characterization of your discharge. A complete characterization includes, but is not limited to, design and actual flows, a list of constituents and the discharge concentration of each constituent, a list of other appropriate waste discharge characteristics, a description and schematic drawing of all treatment processes, a description of any Best Management Practices (BMPs) used, and a description of disposal methods.

Also include a site map showing the location of the facility and, if you are submitting this application for an NPDES permit, identify the surface water to which you propose to discharge. Please try to limit your maps to a scale of 1:24,000 (7.5' USGS Quadrangle) or a street map, if more appropriate.

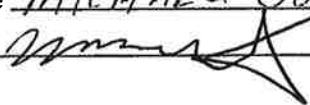
VII. OTHER

Attach additional sheets to explain any responses which need clarification. List attachments with titles and dates below:

You will be notified by a representative of the RWQCB within 30 days of receipt of your application. The notice will state if your application is complete or if there is additional information you must submit to complete your Application/Report of Waste Discharge, pursuant to Division 7, Section 13260 of the California Water Code.

VIII. CERTIFICATION

"I certify under penalty of law that this document, including all attachments and supplemental information, were prepared under my direction and supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name MICHAEL GORNET Title PRESIDENT
Signature  Date July 20, 2023

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Date Form 200 Received:	Letter to Discharger:	Fee Amount Received:	Check #:
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FINANCIAL ASSURANCE COST ESTIMATE

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE COST ESTIMATE

FOR

Seaton Mine

(Mine Name)

CA Mine ID # 91- 03-0026

Reclamation Plan #/Name RP 98-1

Prepared by: (Name & Affiliation):

David T. Sanders, Professional Geologist
20 Main Street
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Consultant to: New Chicago Highlands,
Inc.

Date: 07/14/2021

This financial assurance cost estimate prepared
and submitted pursuant to *(choose one)*:

A new or amended reclamation plan
approved on (Date): _____

An annual mine inspection performed on
(Date): _____

Other: Please Specify:
County Request 6/30/2021

Most Recent Approved Financial Assurance Cost Estimate

Date: 06/28/2012

Amount: \$ 9113.61

Amount of existing Financial Assurance Mechanism(s)

Date: 07/29/2013

Amount: \$ 8101.79

I. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

This estimate represents the cost of conducting and completing reclamation in accordance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and the following supporting documents:

Reclamation Plan Approval Date and Number

RP 98-1

Permits and/or Environmental Documents Approved as, or Conditioned upon, the Reclamation Plan

Other Agency Financial Assurances Securing Reclamation of Disturbed Lands

Wage Rates used in Cost Estimate* *(cost estimates are required to use current 'General prevailing wage determinations made by the director of industrial relations' where applicable (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD/index.htm>) with employer labor surcharge added, or greater)*

N/A

Equipment Rates used in Cost Estimate* *(Use current 'Labor Surcharge and Equipment Rental Rates (Cost of Equipment Ownership)' equipment rates published by Caltrans (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/construc/equipmnt.html>) or other publicly available and verifiable local rates)*

N/A

Equipment Production Rates used in Cost Estimate *(Use of current Caterpillar Performance Handbook or equivalent published production rates is required)*

N/A

** Many mine sites are remote projects that require hours of travel (to and from) and sometimes require additional time to prepare for even the simplest of tasks. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1773.1 and 1773.9, contractors are required to make travel and/or subsistence (per diem) payments to each worker to execute the work. These arrangements can be quite variable and site specific.*

Attachments:

6 Illustrations

II. Description of Current Site Conditions

(i.e., disturbed acres, slope conditions, excavation depths, topsoil and overburden stockpiles, equipment and facilities, reclamation in progress, erosion control status, required corrective actions, etc.)

Water from the underground workings flows from the Seaton Tunnel, as it has done since 1882. A locked gate prevents unauthorized persons from entering the tunnel. The water passes through a biofilter to a standpipe connected to a 6" buried PVC pipe to the first of a series of ponds to the northwest. Those ponds also serve as sediment control features, and prevent the discharge of any surface or underground water into the adjacent Snake Gulch from the mine properties. The tunnel provides access to the underground workings on the adjacent Italian Mine property. Mine reactivation has begun. On a terrace of mine-waste rock, more than 100' from the portal, a building is under construction. The access to that site has been improved. Two double-wide trailers have been set. The trailer adjacent to the California Mine Road will serve as an office. The other trailer between the office trailer and the building will be used for storage and as a laboratory. These structures will be retained post-mining to serve vineyard development. The previous exploratory mining at the surface, on a massive quartz outcrop in the eastern part of the property, was reclaimed without defining mineable ore. An additional area near there, and one near the North Peerless declined shaft are being sampled. Two other exploratory pits are planned under a county permit exemption.

III. Description of Anticipated Site Conditions (12 months from date of estimate)

(i.e., increase of disturbed acres, increase of depth, increases in amount of equipment and/or facilities, required corrective actions, etc.)

See attached illustrations

IV. Description/Justification of Cost Increase/Decrease

N/A

V. PLANT STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT REMOVAL *(use multiple sheets as needed)*
Provide documentation showing that rates, prices, and wages are available locally to all persons, including the lead agency and/or the Department.

Current Site Condition:

See illustrations - storage container only to be removed

Reclamation Plan Performance Standard (End Use):

Vineyards

Describe tasks:

N/A

Equipment on site wholly owned by operator?: YES NO

(If no, please provide the name/s and contact information for any lien holder)

Equipment of Gary Souza and Dan Mondani at times.

V. PLANT STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT REMOVAL (use multiple sheets as needed)

Methods to be used:

- A. Equipment – List equipment required to complete identified task. For large reclamation projects, separate mine areas.

Equipment	Unit of Measure	\$/Unit	# of Units	Cost (\$)
Container to be removed on a flat-bed truck				200.00

Total Equipment Cost for this Task = \$200.00

- B. Labor – List all labor categories to complete identified task

Labor Category	\$/Hour (prevailing wage)	Labor Surcharge/Hr (where applicable) (enter % of wage)	# of Hours	Cost (\$)

Total Labor Cost for this Task = \$

- C. Demolition – List all structures and equipment to be dismantled or demolished and removed from site

Structure/Equipment to be Removed	Type of Material	Volume/ Quantity	Unit Cost Basis	Disposal Cost	Cost (\$)

Total Materials Cost for this Task = \$

- D. Total Direct Cost of Structure and Equipment Removal (Total A+B+C)

Equipment Costs + Labor Cost + Demolition Cost = \$200.00

- E. Net Salvage Value* (Supported by properly prepared third party estimate, bid, or cost calculation.)

Net Salvage Value = \$N/A

- F. Total Cost of Structure and Equipment Removal (Subtract Line D from Line E)

Total Cost of Structure and Equipment Removal = \$200.00

*NOTE: Salvage value may only be used to offset the direct cost of removing the single item for which salvage value is being claimed. Salvage value shall not be used to offset any other demolition, general cleanup, or reclamation costs.

VI. PRIMARY RECLAMATION ACTIVITY

Use multiple sheets as necessary to estimate the cost of each activity required. Provide documentation showing that rates, prices, and wages are available locally to the lead agency and/or the Department if necessary.

Current Site Conditions:

See illustrations

Reclamation Plan Performance Standard (End Use):

Cattle and vineyards

Describe tasks, methods, equipment, etc.:

Decompaction, cut, fill, haul, slope reduction, compaction, grading, topsoil placement, drainage work, soil amendments, special requirements, etc. Separate sheets may be used for each task if necessary.

Leveling approximately 1471 cubic yards of stockpiled material with a Caterpillar D9 Dozer, Production Rate: 1100 cubic yards/hour. (Average Dist; 50', Material: loose, Efficiency: 50 min/hour, operator, avg: Slot dozing: yes) General grading of disturbed areas (0.5 acre, zzD9 Dozer with a 14' blade, 2' overlap; vg speed: 2.5 mph, 50 minute hour, Production rate: 3.0 acres/hour. Dan Mondani Heavy Equipment and Trucking has committed via email to complete the required work.

Provide quantities:

Overburden and topsoil, cut and fill, import or export (cubic yards), area (acres), haul distances (feet), equipment production rates (cubic yards/hour, or as applicable), etc.

See above notes

(add additional pages as needed)

VI. PRIMARY RECLAMATION ACTIVITY (Grading/Regrading) *(use multiple sheets as needed)*
(Describe Reclamation Activity Being Estimated)

Acres:	0.443	Overburden (cy):	2,000 Backfill
Haul Distance (ft):	0.33 mi (maximum)	Topsoil (cy):	925
Production Rate (cy/hr):	n/a		

Methods to be used:

A. Equipment – List equipment required to complete identified task. For large reclamation projects, separate mine areas.

Equipment	Unit of Measure	\$/Unit	# of Units	Cost (\$)
To be determined by contractors				

Total Equipment Cost for this Task = \$ 16,800

B. Labor – List all labor categories to complete identified task

Labor Category	\$/Hour (prevailing wage)	Labor Surcharge/Hr (where applicable) (enter % of wage)	# of Hours	Cost (\$)
n/a				
n/a				

Total Labor Cost for this Task = \$

C. Materials – List all materials required to complete identified task

Item	\$/Unit	Sales tax (enter local rate in %)	Quantity	Cost (\$)
n/a				

Total Materials Cost for this Task = \$ 16,800

D. Total Direct Cost for this Task

Equipment Costs + Labor Cost + Materials Cost = \$

VII. REVEGETATION (use multiple sheets as needed)

Methods to be used:

A. Equipment – List equipment required to complete identified task. For large reclamation projects, separate mine areas.

Equipment	Unit of Measure	\$/Unit	# of Units	Cost (\$)
To be determined by contractor				

Total Equipment Cost for this Task = \$ _____

B. Labor – List all labor categories to complete identified task.

Labor Category	\$/Hour (prevailing wage)	Labor Surcharge/Hr (where applicable) (enter % of wage)	# of Hours	Cost (\$)
n/a				

Total Labor Cost for this Task = \$ _____

C. Materials – List all materials required to complete identified task

Item/Plant Species	Unit of measure	\$/Unit	Sales tax (enter local rate in %)	Quantity	Cost (\$)
Dryland pasture seed 40#/acre	lb	17			
Fertilizer	lb	500			
Straw mulch	ton	.5			

Total Materials Cost for this Task = \$ _____

D. Total Direct Cost for this Task

Equipment Costs + Labor Cost + Materials Cost = \$ included

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS COSTS *(use multiple sheets as needed)*

Provide documentation showing that rates, prices, and wages are available locally to all persons, including the lead agency and/or the Department.

Examples of this type of cost may include temporary storage of equipment and materials off site, special one-time permits (i.e. transportation permits for extra wide overweight loads, etc.), decommissioning a process mill (i.e. decontamination of equipment), disposal of warehouse inventories, well abandonment, remediation of fueling and waste oil storage sites, septic system removal, costs to prepare closure and monitoring reports, site security, preserving potable water and maintaining utilities, etc.

Item / Task	Quantity	\$/Unit	Cost (\$)
n/a			

Total Miscellaneous Costs = \$ _____

IX. MONITORING COSTS

Monitoring Task	\$/Visit	# of Visits/Year	# of Monitoring Years	Cost (\$)
Included in contractors fees				

Total Monitoring Costs = \$ _____

X. SUMMARY OF COSTS

This section shall be used to summarize all the cost sheets in one place.

(V) Total of all Plant Structures & Equipment Removal Costs	\$ 200.00
(VI) Total of all Primary Reclamation Activities Costs	\$ 16800.00
(VII) Total of all Revegetation Costs	\$ 3000.00
(VIII) Total of all Miscellaneous Costs	\$
(IX) Total of all Monitoring Costs	\$
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Total of Direct Costs	\$ 20000.00

XI. Supervision / Profit & Overhead / Contingencies / Mobilization

(A) Supervision (<u>7.0</u> %)	\$
(B) Profit/Overhead (<u>13.0</u> %)	\$
(C) Contingencies (<u>10.0</u> %)	\$
(D) Mobilization (<u>5.0</u> %)	\$
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Total of Indirect Costs	\$
Total of Direct and Indirect Costs	\$ 20000.00
(E) Lead Agency and/or Dept. of Conservation Administrative Costs	\$
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Total Estimated Cost of Reclamation	\$ 20000.00

Northwestern Portion

Seaton Mine Properties

Legend

SOIL SOURCE AREA

Removal & Re-distribution:

925 cu. yds.

Re-seeding: 0.057 acres

BACKFILL SOURCE AREA

(Underground Waste Rock)

Removal: 1,000 cu. yds.

Soil Replacement: 140 cu. yds.

Re-seeding: 0.057 acres

BACKFILL SOURCE AREA

(Underground Waste Rock)

Removal: 1,000 cu. yds.

Soil Replacement: 169 cu. yds.

Re-seeding: 0.07 acres

SOUTH PEERLESS PIT

Removal: 1,000 cu. yds.

Backfill: 1,000 cu. yds.

Soil Replacement: 159 cu. yds

Re-seeding: 0.066 acres

NORTH PEERLESS PITS

Removal: 1,000 cu. yds.

Backfill: 1,000 cu. yds.

Soil Replacement: 150 cu. yds.

Re-seeding: 0.057 acres

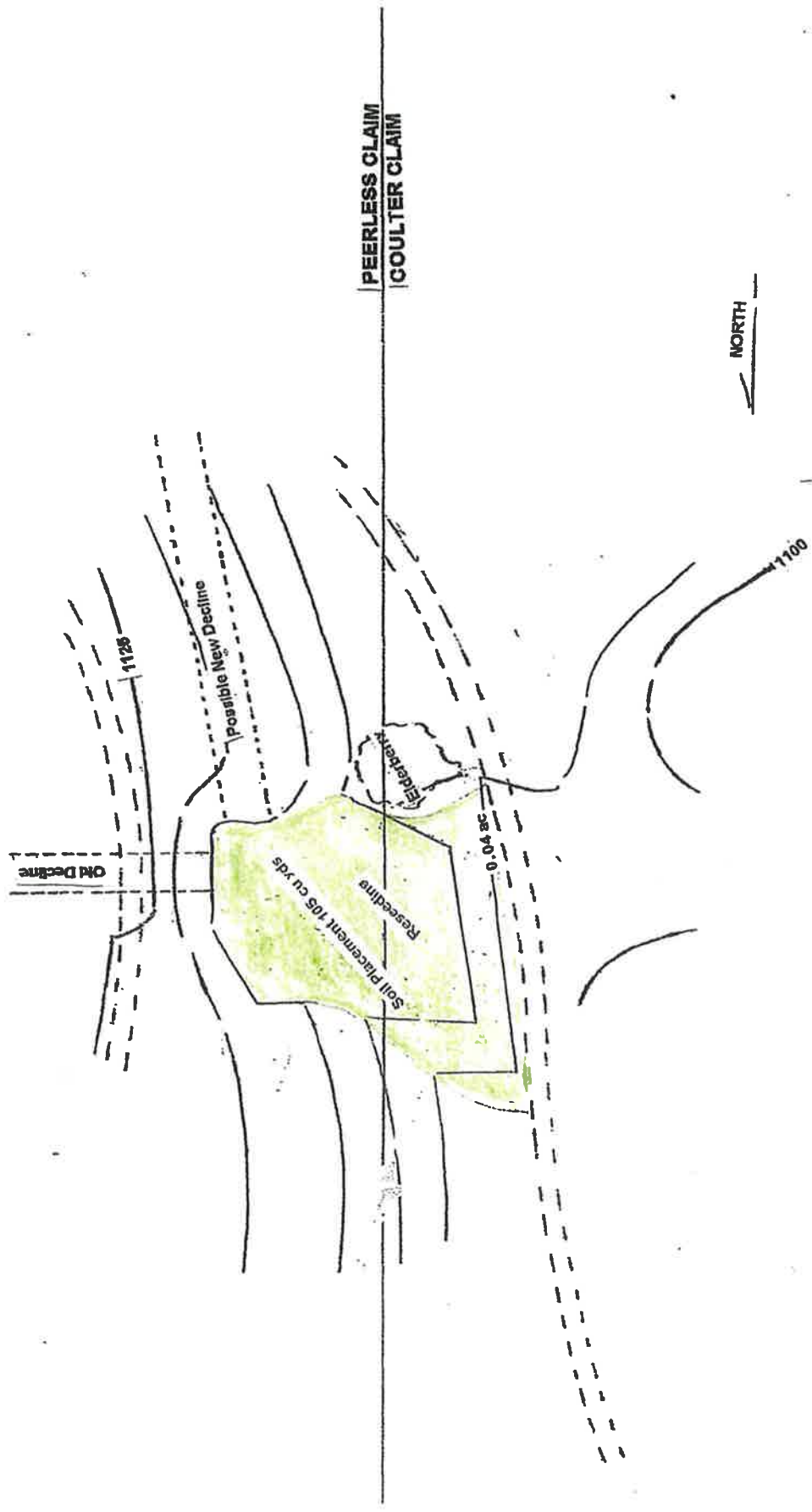
California Mine Rd

Property Line



500 ft

NORTH PEERLESS PORTAL AREA



NORTH

Scale: 1" = 30'

OAK WOODLAND STUDY

The illustration that follows, prepared by a Certified Arborist, delineates the oak woodlands within the permit area, shows the oak trees removed to date, and a proposed woodland expansion area. That arborist has been retained to provide continuing services related to the oak woodlands (a copy of which is also included).

OAK WOODLAND DELINEATION

Numbered Areas - Shaded in Green
(Locations and distances are approximate)
Not to Scale



SEATON MINE AREA

Project Permit Boundary



Oak Woodland Delineation



Woodland Expansion



5 Trees Removed

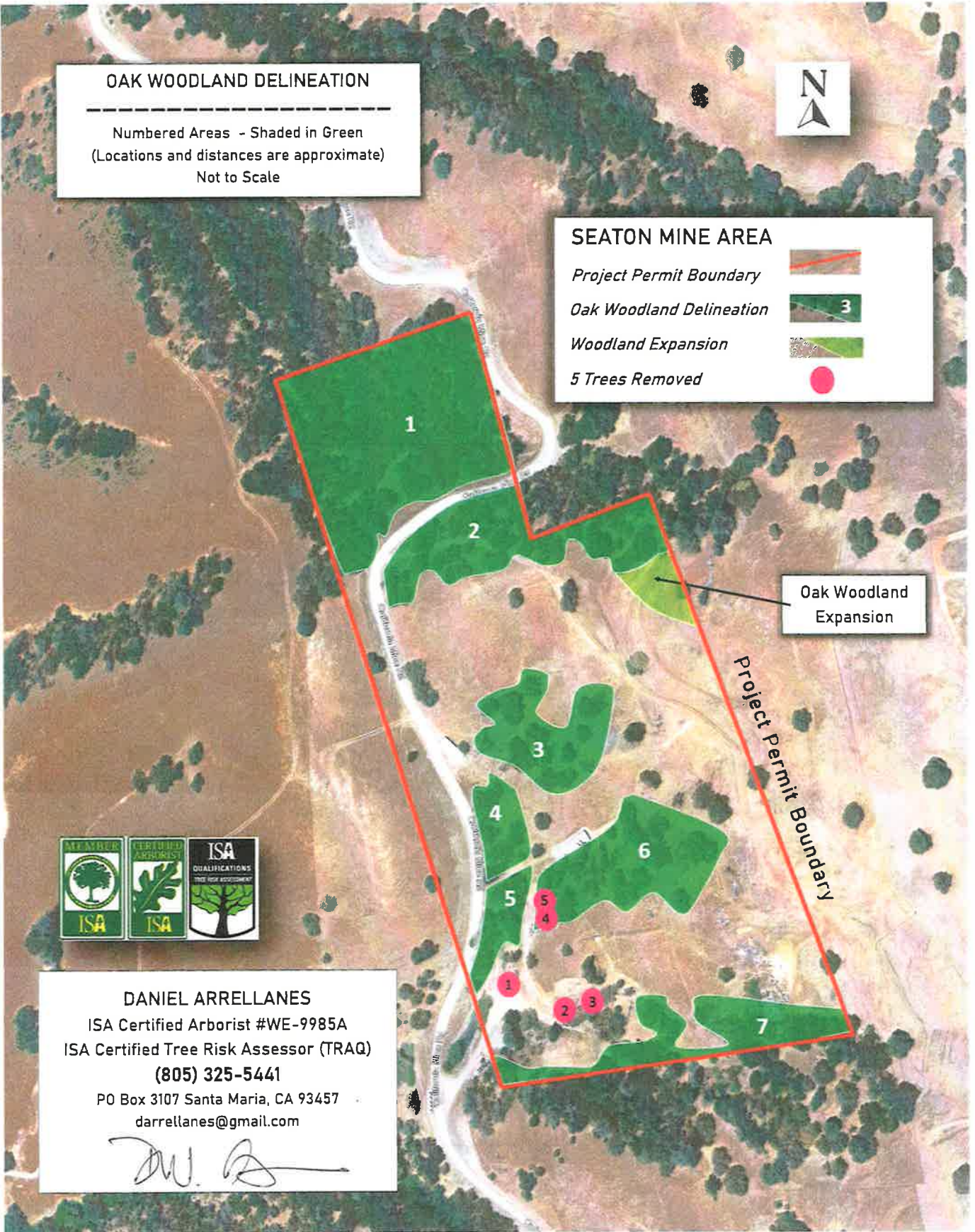


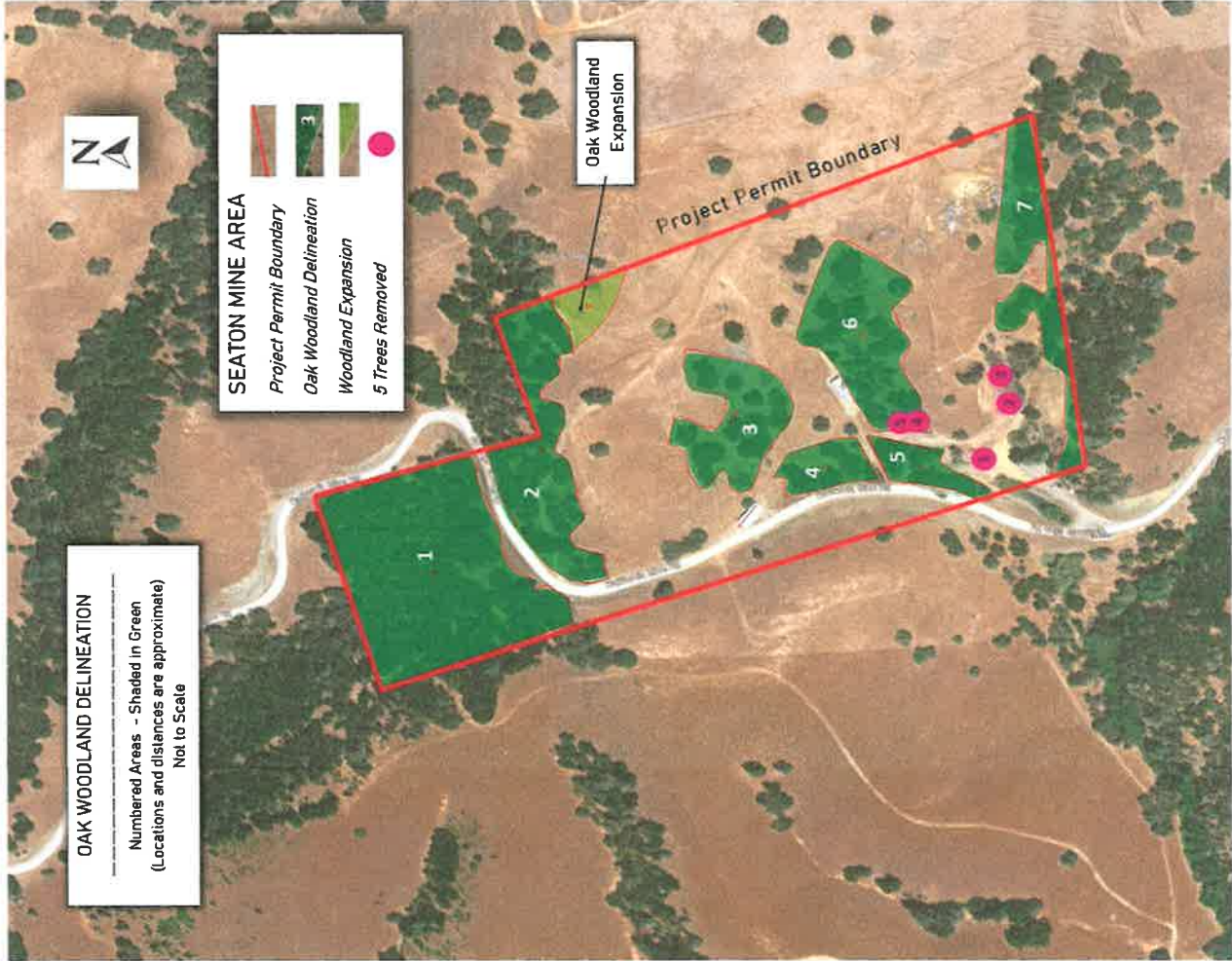
Oak Woodland Expansion

Project Permit Boundary



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Measurement	Area	Perimeter	Length	Angle	Radl...	Unit
Unit			35.262			pixels
Area 1	170594.418	1766.540	640.176			ft
Area 2	74400.172	1841.375	653.922			ft
Area 3	53883.295	1232.252	348.937			ft
Area 4	19585.992	627.642	241.631			ft
Area 5	16658.967	921.055	315.044			ft
Area 6	74076.025	1285.226	486.088			ft
Area 7	55197.893	2243.963	810.278			ft
Oak Woodland Expansion	14824.902	563.871	229.541			ft
Project boundary	1161253.025	5060.068	1974.038			ft

Area Conversions to Acres:

- Area 1 = 3.916 ac +/-
 - Area 2 = 1.707 ac +/-
 - Area 3 = 1.24 ac +/-
 - Area 4 = .45 ac +/-
 - Area 5 = .38 ac +/-
 - Area 6 = 1.70 ac +/-
 - Area 7 = 1.27 ac +/-
- Total Combined Oak Woodland Acres**
Areas 1-7 = 10.663 ac +/-
- Not including .34 ac +/- Oak Woodland Expansion**

Oak Woodland Expansion = .34 ac +/-
 Project Permit Boundary Footprint= 26.658 ac +/-

Note:
 Measured values are approximate +/-
 Compiled 9/13/2023

Statistics

Tool	Measure	n	Mean	SD	Median	Min	Max
Area	Area	9	182274.9654	370210.6403	55197.8934	14824.902	1161253.025
Area	Perimeter	9	1726.8860	1371.2305	1285.2257	563.871	5060.068
Area	Length	9	633.4061	541.8775	486.0878	229.541	1974.038

Seaton Mine — Delineated Woodland Area Calculations

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ARBORICULTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

"Seaton Mine Project"

1. The Parties.

This document is an agreement, between myself, Daniel Arrellanes, ISA Certified Arborist #WE-9985A, Certified Tree Risk Assessor (TRAQ), PO Box 3107 Santa Maria, CA 93457 and Mr. Gornet, of mgornet@gmail.com Amador City, CA 95601, who is the principal contact for the "Seaton Mine Project".

2. Services.

To provide Arboricultural Consulting Services in support of the "Seaton Mine Project" Provide documentation and guidance in order to gain Compliance with Amador County Planning and State of California requirements for "Tree Preservation and Retention of Woodland Oaks". Provide documentation, maps and diagrams as requested, in addition to regular Site Inspection visits for Confirmation of Compliance, as well as oversight of Woodland Extension Area for required 3:1 Oak replacement ratio Tree Replacement. Provide record-keeping and photographs of Arboricultural support documentation and making such materials available to various regulatory agencies and stakeholders, as requested.

3. Term.

These services shall commence upon payment of the Retainer, and shall continue until Consultant or Client gives a 30 day notice of Terminating this agreement.

4. Payment.

In consideration of the services provided, the Consultant is to be paid:

\$150.00 per hour. Including work performed On-site, Travel time and Office.

Consultant shall be paid, in accordance with the above, when Consultant sends an Invoice to the Client.

After the Receipt of Monthly Invoice, Consultant shall be paid Due Upon Receipt.

5. Retainer.

The Client is required to pay a Retainer as part of this agreement. The Retainer shall be applied to future Payments by the Client.

The Retainer amount shall be \$6,000. The Retainer is Non-Refundable. Any unused portion of the Retainer, upon Completion of the Services, shall be returned to the Client.

6. Expenses.

Consultant shall be responsible for expenses relating to providing the Services under this agreement EXCEPT any incidental "Out of Pocket" expenses. Consultant is solely responsible for internal expenses such as office supplies, office equipment etc. Client is solely responsible for any On-Site expenses relating to supplies required for the timely Establishment and Operation of any and all features of the "Tree Preservation and Retention of Woodland Oaks", within the "Seaton Mine Project".

Respectfully Submitted,

Consultants Signature: Daniel Arrellanes Date: 9/10/2023

Print Name: Daniel Arrellanes

Client's Signature: [Signature] Date: 09-11-2023

Print Name: MICHAEL GORNET, PRESIDENT
NEW CHICAGO HIGHLANDS DBA
SEATON MINE

CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

The extensive Cultural Resource Inventory prepared by consulting archaeologists that was submitted with the original Use Permit application follows. It is included in this application for completeness and it documents that operations on the Seaton Mine properties included milling from the 1850's. The cultural resources added to the permitted property since that time are:

- A 30' X 70' steel building and related rock crushing equipment
- 2-double-wide trailers for an office and laboratory
- A semi-trailer for storage
- Approximately 50 tons of ore in stockpile near two exploration pits
- A small stockpile of ore moved from a previous exploration pit

Cultural Resources Inventory Seaton Mine Properties Amador County, California

**Amador City Quadrangle
Section 24, T. 7N, R. 10E of the MDM
Approximately 27 Acres**

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Daniel J. Osanna**

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Consulting Archaeologist
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Prepared For

**David T. Sanders
270 California Drive
Sutter Creek, California 95685**

July 1997

**THE SEATON MINE, AMADOR COUNTY:
A CULTURAL RESOURCES REAPPRAISAL**

Prepared by

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Prepared for

New Chicago Highlands, Inc.
Post Office Box 251
Amador City, CA 95601

November 7, 2023
(Job #23-095)

BACKGROUND OF DOCUMENT PREPARER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Professional Geologist

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General Information

1949 – 1952	Davis High School, Kaysville, Utah	
1952 – 1954	Utah State University, Logan, Utah	
1954 – 1958	United States Air Force	Highest Rank: Captain
1958 – 1961	Utah State University	BS and MS Degree – 1962
1961 – 1963	Exploration Geologist, Texaco, Inc.	
1963 – 1964	University of Utah	
1964 – 1968	Exploration Geologist, Standard Oil Co.	
1968 – Present	Consulting Geologist	Registered/Professional Geologist – California Since 1978

Major and Long-term Clients

Emma H. Rose Mining Company
Energy Fuels Corporation
Horseshoe A Mining Company
Howard Properties
Industrial Minerals Company
Mountain States Resources Corporation
Phillips Petroleum
Southern Pacific Land Company/
Southern Prospecting (South Africa)
Thermo Electron Corporation
The Baupost Group
U. S. Tile Corporation
Valley Camp Coal Company
Western Slope Carbon, Inc.

Major Projects

20-Mile Park Coal Mine, Steamboat Springs, Colorado
White Mesa Uranium Mill, Blanding, Utah
Red Canyon Uranium Mines, Blanding, Utah
Utah No. 2 & Belina Mines, Scofield, Utah
Upper Dry Creek Slate Mine, Dry Creek, California
Seaton (Gold) Mine, New Chicago, California
Beverly Hills Oil Field, Los Angeles, California
North Carbondale Surface Mine, Ione, California
Western Slope Coal Mine, Somerset, Colorado
Cojo – Jalama Ranches, Central Coast of California
Nationwide Coal Reserves, Colombia, South America

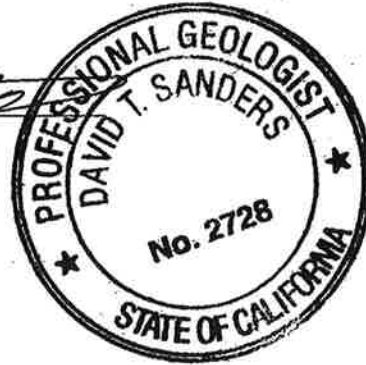
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF
NEW CHICAGO HIGHLAND, INC

BY

DAVID T. SANDERS
Professional geologist



Dated: September 12, 2023



Amador County Environmental Health
 810 Court Street
 Jackson, CA 95642 209-223-6439

INVOICE - FIRST NOTICE

TO : New Chicago Highlands, Inc.
 PO Box 251
 Amador City, CA 95601

Invoice ID IN0032383	Date 2/9/2024
Receipt # AB0131447	

ATTN :
 RE : New Chicago Highlands, Inc.

Date	Program/ Element	Description	Comments	Amount
02/09/24	2664	2664 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS		\$ 240.00
02/09/24	9999	9999 Payment		\$ -240.00
Total Due for This Invoice:				\$ 0.00

1-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-120 Days	121+ Plus	Account Amount Due
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

COUNTY OF AMADOR
Jackson, California

Date 02-09-2024 20.....

RECEIVED FROM New Chicago Highland

ADDRESS PO Box 251, Amador City 95601

Five Hundred Dollars & no cents DOLLARS (\$ 500.00)

For UP-24; 2-1 Seaton Mine

ACCOUNT		How Paid ✓	
Amount Due		Cash	
Amount Paid	<u>500</u>	Check # <u>1033</u>	
		Money Order	
		Credit Card	

Public Works Department
By R Susoff Deputy

98899

Ref. No: G 045005458

NEW CHICAGO HIGHLANDS, INC
PO BOX 251
AMADOR CITY CA 95601

1033

11-35/1210 CA
70902

02-08-2024
Date

Pay To The Order Of Public Works Agency Review \$ 500.00
Five Hundred + 100 Dollars

BANK OF AMERICA

ACH R/T 121000358

For New Chicago Highlands

[Signature] MP

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

COUNTY OF AMADOR
Jackson, California

Date January 9, 2024

RECEIVED FROM New Chicago Highlands, Inc.

ADDRESS P.O. Box 251 Amador City, CA 95601

Four thousand, six-hundred + ninety-four ^{00/100} DOLLARS (\$ 4694.00)

For Use Permit Amendment for Seaton mine Application

UP-24, 2-1 Seaton mine, New Chicago Highlands (GP

Application Fee \$ 4,694.00 + Rec Plan Amendment fee (included)

ACCOUNT		How Paid ✓	
Amount Due	\$4,694.00	Cash	
Amount Paid	\$4,694.00	Check	1031
		Money Order	
		Credit Card	

*no CEQA renewal Admin Fee at this time

Planning Department

By Krista Kuesel Deputy

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Comments

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

9 November 2023

Michael Gornet
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PERMIT QUERY FOR SEATON MINE, AMADOR COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff were contacted by representatives of New Chicago Highlands, Inc. (New Chicago or Discharger) via email in September 2023 regarding permitting of the proposed reactivation of Seaton Mine (Facility) in Amador County. After a conference call with New Chicago representatives on 25 October 2023, Central Valley Water Board staff received the undated *Revised Project Description and Appendices to a Proposed Amendment of a Use Permit (Up 98;1-6) Covering the Reactivation of The Seaton Mine (CA Mine Id #91-03-0026) and a Revision of The Related Reclamation Plan (RP 98-1)* (Revised Project Description) providing additional information for the proposed project.

Staff were also cc-d on the Amador County Planning Department response to the Discharger's e-mail which included the 10 March 1998 *Conditions for Approval and Mitigation Monitoring Program* (COA), and the 19 May 1998 letter from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to the Amador County Planning Department with comments on the *Seaton Mine Reactivation Permit and Reclamation Plan, Drytown Mining District, Amador County* (WB Letter). We also received a copy of the original *Reclamation Plan 98-1*. The 1998 documents were issued to a different discharger listed as the Emma H. Rose Mining Company LLC.

Proposed Project Description

The proposed reactivation of Seaton Mine outlined in the Revised Project Description includes surface and underground mining operations, onsite milling and processing, and surface and underground tailings backfill at the Facility. The proposed operations include the production and discharge of mining waste such as waste rock and tailings.

The Discharger refers to the plan as "no discharge", however the plan proposes to backfill tailings mixed with mining-influenced water with arsenic concentrations exceeding water quality goals¹ to surface pits and underground workings which are potentially hydraulically connected with the local and regional groundwater and/or surface water, therefore this constitutes a discharge of mining waste that has the potential to threaten water quality.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_goals/

Mine Waste Discharge Permitting

The discharge of mining waste is regulated by California Water Code Section 13260 and California Code of Regulations Title 27 (Title 27) Sections 22470 et seq. Both require a submittal of a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) which needs to include characterization and classification of types of generated mining waste (Title 27 Section 22480) and plans for their containment (Title 27 Section 22470 et seq.). The information provided in the ROWD allows waterboard staff to issue Waste Discharge Requirements.

Mining waste as defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code or CWC) Section 13050 (q)(1) is,

“all solid, semisolid, and liquid waste materials from the extraction, beneficiation, and processing of ores and minerals. Mining waste includes, but is not limited to, soil, waste rock, and overburden, as defined in Section 2732 of the Public Resources Code, and tailings, slag, and other processed waste materials, including cementitious materials that are managed at the cement manufacturing facility where the materials were generated.”

The characterization and classification of these mining wastes is of utmost importance in our permitting process.

Waste characterization is required to classify the waste and quantify its potential threat to water quality (California Code of Regulations Title 27 §22480). Waste characterization testing must be performed by California certified labs. A California certified is a lab accredited by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. The Waste Extraction Test (WET) should be used to determine the amount of extractable substance in waste rock (CCR Title 22 Division 4.5, Chapter 11, Article 5, Appendix II). Furthermore, Acid Generation Potential testing must also be performed to determine whether the material has the potential to generate acid. More information is available in the Mining Waste Tech Note (June 2008) https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/mining/mine_waste_technote.pdf. Analytical results and discussion of potential threats to water quality posed by the waste should be included as part of the technical report(s) of waste characterization.

When waste characterization is complete, a better understanding of potential installed features, operation plans for waste containment, precipitation and drainage controls, and closure and post closure maintenance plans should be evident and should be utilized by the Discharger to generate the ROWD which needs to be submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Board along with the filing fee so that we can prepare Waste Discharge Requirements for your operation.

Permitting Status

The Revised Project Description includes an *Application of Waste Discharge General Information for Waste Discharge Requirements of NPDES Permit* (Application) dated 20 July 2023. To our knowledge, this Application has not been received by any of our offices.

Additionally, the information provided by the Application is also not sufficient because it is not consistent with the proposed project nor is the claim that no discharge is proposed supported. As noted above, the discharge of mining waste, including mining-influenced water from the mine used as process water, to a mine, is a discharge under the Water Code 13260 and Title 27 22470 et seq., and must be properly characterized and classified pursuant to Title 27 Section 22480.

Moreover, the Report of Waste Discharge needs to include information on the status of compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is typically in the form of a determination by the Lead Agency and an updated reclamation plan. The permitted 1998 Reclamation Plan RP-98-1 and Conditions of Approval don't cover surface mining, on-site processing, and tailings backfill proposed in the Revised Project Description.

The review of received documentation listed above suggests that the permitting process for the project needs to be initiated at the Lead Agency/Amador County Planning Department level. Once the Lead Agency permitting process including the CEQA determination gets close to successful completion, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board permitting process can be initiated.

Please review our website to gain a better understanding of our permitting process:

[Mining - Do I Need To Submit A Report Of Waste Discharge? | Central Valley Water Quality Control Board \(ca.gov\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/mining/report_waste_discharge/)

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/mining/report_waste_discharge/

Conclusions

The review of received documentation suggests that the proposed surface and underground mining, onsite processing, and tailings backfill project at the Seaton Mine needs to undergo the Lead Agency permitting process prior to the submittal of ROWD. Please contact the Amador County Planning Department for information regarding their permitting process.

The future Report of Waste Discharge needs to be prepared pursuant to the requirements of Title 27 Section 22470 et seq., and needs to provide details on the operation, mining waste characterization and classification, and proposals for appropriate containment measures for the types of mining waste generated at the Facility. This information and a filing fee are needed to prepare Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program for the proposed operation. The filing fee depends on the Threat and Complexity of the facility which can be determined after waste classification information is available. The current fee schedule is available online

[FY 2023-24 Water Quality Fee Schedule \(ca.gov\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/stakeholder/docs/2023/fy2324-wq-feeschedule.pdf)

[<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/stakeholder/docs/2023/fy2324-wq-feeschedule.pdf>].

It should be noted that once a ROWD and filing fee have been submitted, it takes an average of at least six months for a tentative Order to be presented before the Central Valley Board.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding the content of this letter, you may contact my staff Natasha Vidic at (916) 464-4614 or Natasha.Vidic@waterboards.ca.gov, or you may contact me at (916) 464-1588 or Brad.Shelton@waterboards.ca.gov.

Brad Shelton, PG
Senior Engineering Geologist

cc [by email]:

- Amador Planning Department, Jackson
- Bill Gornet and Abid Hussain, New Chicago Highlands, Inc., Amador City
- George Low, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding
- Jeff Huggins, Scott Armstrong and Lixin Fu, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sacramento



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TAC Project Referral - UP-24;2-1 Seaton Mine Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment, North Chicago Highlands, Inc.- Completeness on March 7, 2024

AFPD Headquarters <afpdhdq@amadorgov.org>

Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 8:18 AM

To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

If the property is not protected by the Williamson Act, the owner of the property would be subject to the CFD annexation condition.

Nicole Cook
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Krista Ruesel <kruesel@amadorgov.org>

Seaton Mine

Ashley Anaya <aanaya@amadorgov.org>

Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 10:33 AM

To: Krista Ruesel <kruesel@amadorgov.org>, Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Good morning,

I have some questions regarding the Seaton Mine operations.

What are the operations to be performed?

Will there be any blasting or explosives used?

Is it going to be operated year round?

Is there a safety plan already in place with the current permit?

Please let me know if there are any questions.

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ASHLEY ANAYA - FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Amador – El Dorado Unit
Camino, CA 95709
(530) 644-2345
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February 27, 2024

PROJECT: UP-24;2-1 Seaton Mine New Chicago

APN: 008-140-016

LOCATION: East of Drytown, approximately 2400 ft. from the intersection of California MineRd. and New Chicago Rd.

SUBJECT: CAL FIRE comments

The project listed above is within lands identified as State Response Area (SRA). CAL FIRE has prevention and suppression responsibilities in these areas including enforcement of development standards in accordance with the SRA Minimum Fire Safe Regulations. The following comments related to this project and are the state minimum requirements for this project within the SRA. Local jurisdictions and county planning departments may have more restrictive requirements for this project.

In accordance with CA CCR Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5

Emergency Access and Egress

Roads and driveways, whether public or private, shall provide for safe access for emergency wildfire equipment and civilian evacuation concurrently, and shall provide unobstructed traffic circulation during a wildfire emergency. Access to office structure will be required to meet the minimum road standards for width, road surface, grade and turnarounds below.

The standards to Roads shall not apply to Roads used **solely for mining**.

Width.

All roads shall be constructed to provide a minimum of two ten (10) foot traffic lanes, not including shoulder and striping. These traffic lanes shall provide for two-way traffic flow to support emergency vehicle and civilian egress, unless other standards are provided in this article or additional requirements are mandated by local jurisdictions or local subdivision requirements.

Roadway Surface

Roadways shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing at least 75,000 pounds and provide an aggregate base.

Roadway Grades

The grade for all roads, streets, private lanes, and driveways shall not exceed 16percent. Grade may exceed 16%, not to exceed 20% with mitigations, with approval from AHJ. Please provide a grading plan to show grade of all roads in the facility.

Turnarounds

Turnarounds are required within 50 feet of the office structure

The minimum turning radius for a turnaround shall be forty (40) feet, not including parking. If a hammerhead/T is used instead, the top of the "T" shall be a minimum of sixty (60) feet in length.

Dead-end Roads

The maximum length of a dead-end road, including all dead-end roads accessed from that dead-end road, shall not exceed 5,280 feet for parcels zoned for 20 acres or larger.

All lengths shall be measured from the edge of the road surface to the end of the road surface or apex of the loop at its farthest point. A Road that has only one point of vehicular ingress/egress, including cul-de-sacs and Roads that loop back on themselves is considered a one way road.

Signing and Building Numbering

Addresses for Buildings.

All buildings shall be issued an address. Utility and miscellaneous Group U buildings are not required to have a separate address.

The size of letters, numbers, and symbols for addresses shall conform to the standards in the California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations title 24, part 9. Addresses for residential buildings shall be reflectorized.

Address Installation, Location, and Visibility.

All buildings shall have a permanently posted address which shall be plainly legible and visible from the road fronting the property.

Where access is by means of a private road and the address identification cannot be viewed from the public way, an unobstructed sign or other means shall be used so that the address is visible from the public way.

Address signs along one-way roads shall be visible from both directions.

In all cases, the address shall be posted at the beginning of construction and shall be maintained thereafter.

Please contact this office with any questions.



Jeff Hoag

Battalion Chief - Amador El Dorado Unit

Wildfire Resiliency Program

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Cynthia Reyes <creyes@ctribal.com>

Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 1:26 PM

To: "planning@amadorgov.org" <planning@amadorgov.org>, "mgornet@gmail.com" <mgornet@gmail.com>

Cc: Stephanie Suess <ssuess@ctribal.com>

Thank You.

At this time there are no concerns or questions.



Cynthia Reyes

Chicken Ranch Rancheria

Cultural Manager

(209) 213-8906 (Cell)

From: Jackie Campidonica <jcampidonica@ctribal.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:46 AM

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Subject: FW: TAC Project Referral - UP-24;2-1 Seaton Mine Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment, North Chicago Highlands, Inc.- Completeness on March 7, 2024

Forwarding information.

Thank you,



Jackie Campidonica

Tribal Chairman's Personal Assistant

Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California

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From: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:38 AM

Subject: Re: TAC Project Referral - UP-24;2-1 Seaton Mine Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment, North Chicago Highlands, Inc.- Completeness on March 7, 2024

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AMA-49-PM 13.49 Use Permit (UP) 24;2-1 Application Amendment Seaton Mine New Chicago Michael Gornet

Bauldry, Paul@DOT <paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov>
To: Krista Ruesel <kruesel@amadorgov.org>
Cc: "Ponce, Gregoria@DOT" <gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov>

Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 8:17 AM

Hi Krista,

I discussed the above project with Gregoria, and she agrees that the project proponent, New Chicago Highlands, Inc., Michael Gornet, for the Seaton Mine, will require a more detailed project description.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Paul.

209.670.9488



Krista Ruesel <kruesel@amadorgov.org>

AMA-49-PM 13.49 Use Permit (UP) 24;2-1 Application Amendment Seaton Mine New Chicago Michael Gornet

Bauldry, Paul@DOT <paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov>

Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 3:46 PM

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Hi Krista,

Please see the below concerns we would like addressed in Seaton Mine New Chicago Highlands, Inc.'s updated project description and additional documentation.

Please provide the following:

1. A site plan that includes both ingress/egress for vehicle circulation to/ from the State Highway System (SHS) to the proposed project site.
2. The largest vehicle turn templates that will be utilized to transport people and equipment to/from the project site.
3. A traffic trip generation profile regarding a mining project (land use) and its typical number of trips to/from the proposed project site during construction and subsequent mining operations.
4. Impact fees should be collected towards future improvements for the impacted city, county, and State roadway system.
5. Potential construction work windows
6. A list of all the Agencies involved in the project
7. What permits are anticipated for this project?
8. Will any trucks be accessing the highway? If they are, what routes will they be accessing?
9. Will the design include any potential staging areas?
10. Describe the "exploration excavation" equipment used to move 1,000 cubic yards on one acre.
11. Where and how will the excess soil be stored?

Potential Avoidance, Minimization or Mitigation:

12. Covering truck loads
13. Stormwater tracking/ entering and exiting the job site
14. Address indirect and construction impacts

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Paul

209.670.9488