
PLUMAS COUNTY
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2020

The Plumas County Zoning Administrator convened in a meeting on January 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Permit Center Conference Room, Quincy. Zoning Administrator, Tracey Ferguson, presiding. Assistant Planning Director, Rebecca Herrin is in attendance.

I. AGENDA

The agenda is approved as submitted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

No public comment presented.

III. EXTENSION OF INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN: TWAIN ENTERPRISES (LEHR, DELBERT & DONNA); APNs 002-470-002 & 002-470-010; T.25N/R.8E/S.14,15,22,23

As continued from the December 11, 2019, Zoning Administrator meeting, the request for an extension of the Interim Management Plan for five (5) years to February 11, 2025, for Twain Enterprises' surface mining and Reclamation Plan, located at 8275 Butterfly Valley-Twain Road, Twain, is presented. Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director, gives a presentation as outlined in the staff report. Herrin explains that State law allows a mine to remain idle without having to undergo reclamation for up to five years upon approval by the County. This mining operation previously had an interim management plan for five years, and this extension would allow the mine to remain idle for an additional five years. There are conditions of the Interim Management Plan, which has previously been approved by the State. If the mine operator wants to make the mine active again, there would be additional requirements by the State, which would need to occur during that five year period. Herrin also notes that the extension would be five years from today's date, or January 8, 2025. Jeff Lehr, applicant and mine operator, questions what it means if the Interim Management Plan expires. Is there work that needs to be done? Herrin responds that the mine has been reclaimed and there is nothing that needs to be done right now. This extension of the Interim Management Plan extends the time period past the expiration date so if the mine operator wants to do something, they would have to file a new SMARA application, mining permit, and meet new requirements to open the mine up again. Zoning Administrator, Tracey Ferguson, adds that this is the final 5-year extension so if there isn't an application to resume operations within five years, the mine is closed. The public hearing is opened at 9:39 a.m. There being no comments, the hearing is closed at 9:39 a.m.

DECISION

Tracey Ferguson, Zoning Administrator, determines that the Interim Management Plan is not considered a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act per the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (Public Resources Code Section 2710 *et seq.*), and approves the amendment of the reclamation plan for Twain Enterprises and adopts the Interim Management Plan for a period of five years to expire on January 8, 2025. If the mine is not returned to active status on or before January 8, 2025, final reclamation shall take place and the mine shall be closed.

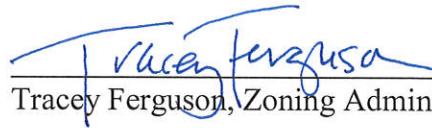
Zoning Administrator Notation: Any decision made as a result of this meeting may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors within ten (10) days of the decision. If the tenth day lands on the weekend, the end of the appeal period will be the next working day. The appeal will need to be based on relevant information stated or submitted at or prior to this meeting by a commenting public member or representative, or certain County department heads as stated by County Code. There is a filing fee for the appeal. Fee information is available from Planning and Building Services.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourns at 9:42 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Zoning Administrator meeting is set for February 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Planning & Building Services Conference Room located at 555 Main Street in Quincy.



Heidi Wightman, Department Fiscal Officer II



Tracey Ferguson, Zoning Administrator