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## **RECLAMATION PLAN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **GENERAL COMMENTS** - The purpose of a reclamation plan is to provide for the protection and subsequent beneficial use of mined and reclaimed lands pursuant to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975. A reclamation plan is to be filed with, and approved by, the County prior to the commencement of mining operations. A plan must be filed by any person who owns, leases, or otherwise controls, operates, or plans to conduct surface mining operations on mined lands and who accepts responsibility for reclaiming the mined lands. Each plan is to apply to a specific site and is to be based on characteristics of the site and of the surrounding area. Such characteristics include: type of overburden, soil stability, topography, geology, climate, stream characteristics, and principal mineral commodities. Reclamation plans are governed by Chapter 29 of the Solano County Code.

The applicant should discuss the proposed plan in person with a member of the Resource Management Staff prior to submission of the application.

2. **APPLICATION PROCESS** - Proposed plans shall be submitted to Resource Management on the forms provided and must include no less than three copies of any maps or other exhibits. A filing fee of \$4,837 at the time of filing the reclamation plan (or \$1,935 for concurrent filing of reclamation plan and required Use Permit Application) shall be paid to the County.

The Application Filing Fee includes the cost of time and materials for Planning Division processing, reporting, public notice and hearing for this type of application. This fee does not include environmental review. **If time and materials needed to process your application exceed the application fee amount plus 100% of the fee amount, you will be billed for the additional costs incurred by the County.**

The Planning Commission may require a performance bond to guarantee reclamation in accordance with the reclamation plan and will require periodic inspection of the site to evaluate continuing compliance with the reclamation plan. A fee of \$894 shall be paid for each annual or periodic inspection stipulated by the conditions of the permit or reclamation plan.

3. **PUBLIC NOTICE** - At least one public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission. At least ten (10) days prior to the hearing, Resource Management will provide written notice by first class mail to the applicant and owners of property located within 500 feet of the property involved (1/2 mile in the Agricultural (A) and Rural Residential (RR) zone districts). Notice will also be published in a newspaper of general circulation or posted in the vicinity of the project location.

4. **DECISION** - In order to approve a reclamation plan, the Planning Commission shall find that the following conditions are met:
  - a. That the application process complies with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as amended.
  - b. That the reclamation plan and elements thereof are of sufficient level, character, and detail to meet the requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, the state policy for surface mining and reclamation practice, and the acceptance of the state geologist.
  - c. That the reclamation plan is in conformity with the County General Plan with regard to use, traffic circulation, population densities and distribution and other pertinent aspects.
  - d. That the reclamation plan will conform to such performance standards as may be imposed and established pursuant to the Surface Mining Ordinance and the Zoning Regulations.
5. **APPEALS** - Any person or party aggrieved or affected by any determination of the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission may file an appeal. The appeal must be in writing outlining the reasons of the appeal and filed within ten days of the decision to be appealed.
6. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS** - Given below are specific instructions for the completion of certain items in the Reclamation Plan Application:

**Item 1. Applicant.** Answer Items 3-7, where applicable, as "Same as applicant." If the actual reclamation is to be conducted by a "person" other than the applicant or operator, name and address of said person shall be indicated.

**Item 3.** If more than one owner, enter name and address of each. If more than one parcel is included in the operation, enter the owners of each parcel. This information is needed under Item 25. If the surface and mineral rights are separated, show the owners of surface rights under this item. On Federal land, enter U.S.A. as Owner, with administrating agency; e.g., USFS, BLM, NPS, etc.

**Item 4.** Owner of mineral rights - List, if separate from surface owner. If a mining claim, indicate the owner(s) of the possessory rights (claim owner).

**Item 6.** Operator - List as individual, partnership, corporation, etc. If a joint venture, also show name of managing person or concern.

**Item 8.** Brief description, including legal, of the mined lands in either metes and bounds or by land office subdivisions. Show section(s), township, and range.

**Item 10.** Location and Vicinity Map. It is suggested that this be shown on a USGS 72 minute topographic quadrangle sheet (Scale: 1" = 2000') unless larger scale maps are

available. If these are not available, or if the operation is extensive, 15 minute sheets (Scale 1" = 1 mile) may be used. Contours, roads, drainage, adjacent towns, etc., should be shown, as well as the site of the operation.

**Item 12.** A brief and concise answer is requested for this item, including only essential data on geologic formations, structures, rocks and minerals, and nature of the mineral deposit.

**Item 13.** If an Environmental Impact Report has been or is being filed for the project, the answer to this item may be very brief in outline form, with reference to the EIR. Reference to the EIR may be used to simplify answers to other pertinent items also. Note that soil conditions will be covered in more detail in Item 26.

**Item 14.** If the applicant's surface mine was already in operation on January 1, 1976, or the operation was conducted prior to that date, so state. If applicant has elected to "phase" his operation, indicate duration of first phase. For anticipated life of long-term operatives, show estimated range; e.g., 10-25 years.

**Items 15, 16 and 17.** If more than one individual pit or quarry is included in the plan, answer these items for each such operation. Note that either tons, or cubic yards (in place), are requested in Item 16. The unit not used should be crossed out. Include all ore, minerals, overburden and waste as one total quantity in answering Item 16.

**Items 20, 21 and 22.** In the case of large integrated operations with several separate mines or pits, it will be to the advantage of the applicant to answer these items in sufficient detail not only for clarifying the nature of his operation, but also for protecting his vested rights under the provisions of the Act. The principle map should be of a scale sufficient to show the required details clearly. For a large operation, a smaller-scale, overall map with larger-scale detail maps of the critical areas may be more practical. In long-range operations, precision of detail is not as important as clear exposition of the operation. The use of colored symbols or map overlays is recommended to simplify the map preparation. Aerial photographs may be substituted for maps where they adequately indicate the required information.

**Items 23 and 24.** Applicant shall consult with Resource Management before completing these items.

**Item 28.** If essentially no reclamation may be accomplished during first phase, so indicate and explain.