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LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

September 6, 2022

FILE NUMBER:	1997-4
PROPERTY OWNER:	United States Department of the Interior,
	Bureau of Land Management
OPERATOR:	California Department of Transportation
TYPE OF APPLICATION:	Interim Management Plan (IMP) Extension
GENERAL LOCATION:	Madeline, CA
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S):	019-110-007
PROJECT SITE ZONING:	U-C-2 (Upland Conservation/Resource Management)
GENERAL PLAN:	Extensive Agriculture
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:	Exempt (See Discussion)
ASSIGNED STAFF:	Cortney Flather, Natural Resources Technician

AUTHORITY FOR APPLICATION:

Lassen County Code, Section 9.60.120 Interim Management Plan (d) California Public Resources Code, Section 2770(h)(2) and 2727.1

REGULATING AGENCIES:

Regulatory authority for the proposed use includes, but is not limited to, the following agencies:

Agency	Required Permits / Approvals
Lassen County Planning Commission	IMP extension approval
State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Mine Reclamation	IMP extension review

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposal for a five-year extension of existing IMP #1997-4 (approved by Planning Commission on July 5, 2012 by Resolution #7-03-12), to allow for the continuation of the temporary plan of mining operations, to be in effect during idle production periods. The existing approved IMP is considered a minor amendment of approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4. The IMP was extended on July 5, 2017 by Resolution 7-03-17 and the proposed extension will renew said IMP for an additional period not to exceed five years which is the final allowable extension pursuant to Public Resources Code § 2770(h)(2)(A). The surface mining operation is currently situated on 6 acres of a 21.49-acre parcel managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The subject parcel is zoned U-C-2 (Upland Conservation/Resource Management District) and is designated Extensive Agriculture by the Lassen County General Plan, 2000. The surface mining operation is located approximately 300 feet east of Highway 395 and 70 miles northeast of Susanville, CA via Highway 395.

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE:

An IMP is required by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, and can be extended according to Public Resource Code § 2770(h) as follows:

2770 (h)(1) Within 90 days of a surface mining operation becoming idle, as defined in Section 2727.1, the operator shall submit to the lead agency for review and approval, an interim management plan. The review and approval of an interim management plan shall not be considered a project for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000). The approved interim management plan shall be considered an amendment to the surface mining operation's approved reclamation plan, for the purposes of this chapter. The interim management plan shall provide measures the operator will implement to maintain the site in compliance with the chapter, including, but not limited to, all permit conditions.

(2) The interim management plan may remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years, at which time the lead agency shall do one of the following:

- (A) Renew the interim management plan for an additional period no to exceed five years, which may be renewed for one additional five-year renewal period at the expiration of the first five-year renewal period, if the lead agency finds that the surface mining operator has complied fully with the interim management plan.
- (B) Require the surface mining operator to commence reclamation in accordance with its approved reclamation plan.

According to Public Resources Code § 2727.1, "idle" is defined as follows:

"Idle" means to curtail for a period of one year or more surface mining operations by more than 90 percent of the operation's previous maximum annual mineral production, with the intent to resume those surface mining operations at a future date.

LASSEN COUNTY CODE:

An existing IMP may be extended according to Lassen County Code § 9.60.120(d) as follows:

9.60.120 Interim management plans.
(d) The interim management plan may remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years, at which time the planning commission may renew the plan for another period not to exceed five years or require the surface mining operator to commence reclamation in accordance with its approved reclamation plan. (Ord. 509 § 2, 1992).

GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING:

The subject parcel is zoned U-C-2 (Upland Conservation/Resource Management District) and is designated Extensive Agriculture by the Lassen County General Plan, 2000

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: On June 4, 1997 the Lassen County Planning Commission approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4. The approved Reclamation Plan allows for the operation of an openpit aggregate mine on 6 acres of a 21.49-acre parcel. Operations include mining of sand and gravel on an intermittent, as needed basis.

On July 5, 2012, the Planning Commission approved IMP #1997-4, to allow for a temporary plan of mining operations to be in effect during idle production periods (Resolution No. 7-03-12). On July 5, 2017, the Planning Commission approved an IMP extension request (Resolution No. 7-03-17). The IMP is considered a minor amendment to the approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4 and is to be in effect for no more than five years from the date of approval and must address the requirements of Public Resource Code 2770(h).

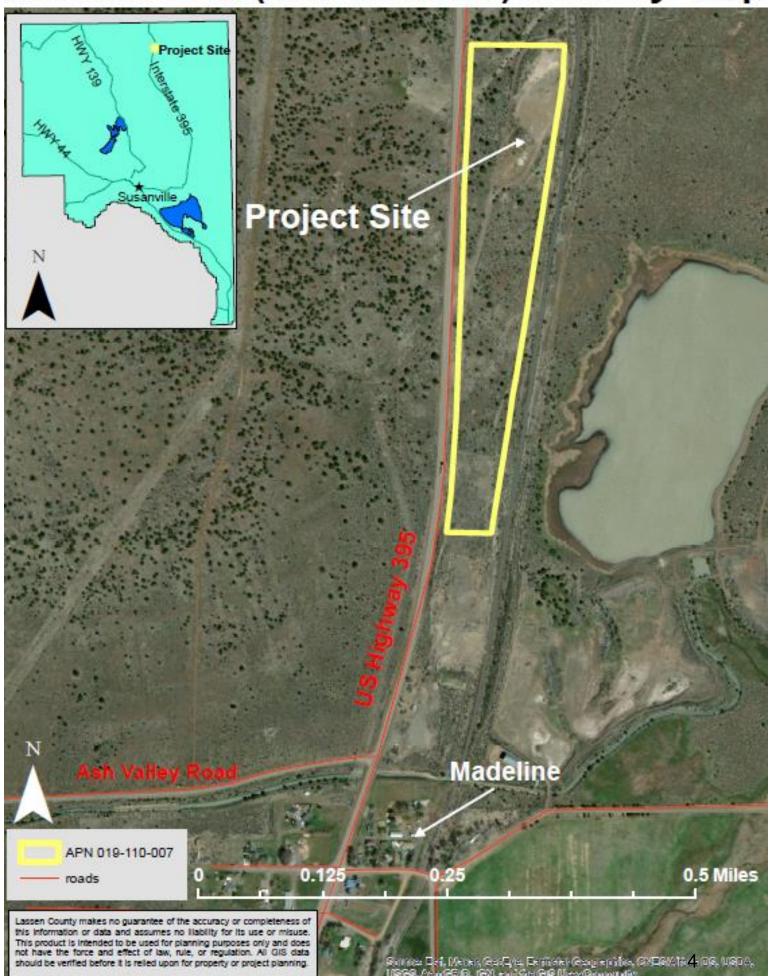
On July 18, 2022, the Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services, acting as the Lead Agency for the implementation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, received a request from the mine operator for a five-year extension of the aforementioned approved IMP #1997-4.

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:</u> IMPs, and therefore extensions to IMPs, are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they are not considered a "project" as defined by Section 15378 of the Guidelines and SMARA Section 2770(h)(1).

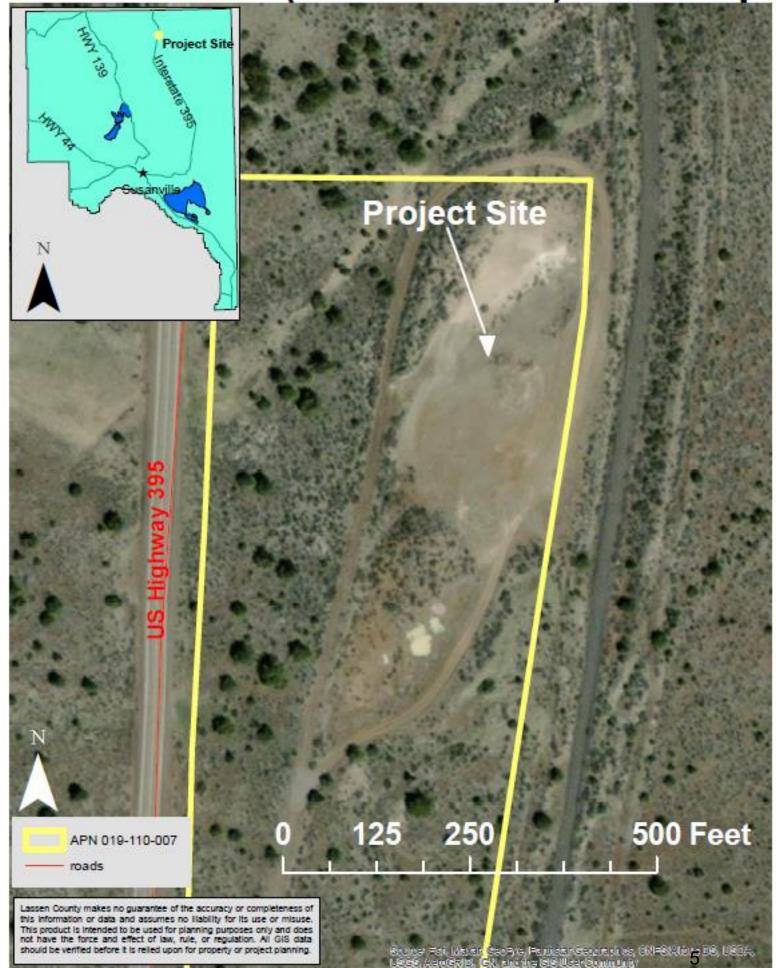
<u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff has reviewed the enclosed request to extend approved Interim Management Plan #1997-4 and finds that it meets Lassen County Code Section 9.60.120 and Public Resources Code Section 2770(h), and that the surface mining operator has complied fully with the Interim Management Plan to date.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution approving the extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4.

Madeline Pit (#91-18-0027) Vicinity Map



Madeline Pit (#91-18-0027) Site Map



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 18, 2022

LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Department of Planning & Building Services Attn: Jason Ingram, Chairman 707 Nevada Street, Suite 5 Susanville, CA 96130-3912

RE: Interim Management Plan IMP#1997-4 CA Mine ID# 91-18-0027 Madeline site RECEIVED

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LASSEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Dear Mr. Ingram,

I am requesting a 5 year extension of the Interim Management Plans (IMP): IMP#I997-4. There will be no changes made to the previously approved reclamation plans (California Public Resources Code §2770h; Lassen County Code §9.60.120). Madeline site id not commercial operations and Caltrans operates this mine only to provide material for the maintenance of the state highways. There may be years when there is no need for extracted material for use on the state highways; as a consequence, operation of the mine is intermittent and on an "as-needed" basis.

CA Mine ID#91-18-0027 Madeline

The mining operation is in compliance with the Reclamation Plan and all approved fees are current. The Use Permit is in compliance and does not expire until 5/6/2049. As written in the Reclamation Plan, the quantity of material reserves over the life of the mine is estimated to be 150,000 CY or 354,000 short tons. To date (since 1997) the quantity of material extracted has totaled 5,354 (2,269 Cy); therefore, there remains potential for useful mineral at the site.

Although the production is intermittent, Caltrans intends to operate the mines until such time it is determined not to be in the best interest of the State. If you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 225-2084.

Sincerely,

Burney Lord

Burney Lord Caltrans District 2 SMARA/Disposal Site Cordinator Office (530) 225-2084 Cell (530) 227-4242



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Madeline Pit ID #91-18-0027

Interim Management Plan

a. Site Description

- i. The approximate size of disturbed area is 4 acres.
- District 2 Highway Maintenance, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), currently operates an open pit mine for sand and gravel, on an intermittent asneeded basis, to maintain the state highways and is not a commercial operation. Material is removed by means of a rubber tired front end loader or excavator.
- iii. This site is located in rural Lassen County, .2 miles north of Madeline on state route 395. There is a dirt road approach to the mine of approximately .12 miles off the state highway. The site is surrounded by miles of open range and undeveloped land, with no residences located within the general vicinity.
- iv. Idle status is requested in accordance with the definition of "idle" contained in Public Resource Code Section 2727.1.
- Material is only extracted on an as-needed basis dependent upon the needs for state highway maintenance. Mining activities could resume as soon as 2012 or 2013.
- vi. No equipment or facilities are kept onsite.
- vii. No production activity occurred in 2011.

b. Erosion Control Plan

The topography of the site is relatively level with no concerns of erosion. The mining boundaries are sloped inward to assure no runoff will occur. Precipitation typically infiltrates the permeable soils in this area quickly. There are no waterways or drainage ditches located on this site. This site is closely monitored for any signs of erosion and Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented. The Statewide Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) addresses discharges of storm water with BMP standards and practices as a means to achieve the Department's compliance with State, Federal, and local laws and policies. The SWMP practices and procedures include routine training, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation.

c. <u>Revegetation Plan</u>

MADELINE PIT REVEGETATION PROGRAM Shrubs and Grasses to be planted as seed broadcast and blown into soil				
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Species	Latin Name	Target Density		
Blue-Bunch Wheatgrass	(Pseudoroegneria spicata)	12 lbs/acre		
OR Thurbers Needlegrass	(Achnatherum thurberian	um) 12 lbs/acre		
OR <u>Squirreltail</u>	(Elymus elymoides)	12 lbs/acre		
AND				
Intermediate Wheatgrass	(Thinopyrum intermedium)	12 lbs/acre		
OR Crested Wheatgrass	(Agropyron cristatum)	12 lbs/acre		
AND Basin Big Sage	(Artemisia tridentate)	2 lbs/acre		

REVEGETATION STANDARD

Native grass and flower seeds purchased from a commercial seed company that collects native seeds for this general geographic area will be broadcast to reestablish vegetation to this site. Seeds to be broadcast with live viable seed in early fall, at a rate of 12 lbs per acre for grasses and 2 lbs per acre for shrubs. All disturbed areas will be graded along the contour and scarified, which will act as sites for seeds and moisture. Site will be mulched at approximately 1500-2000 pounds per acre of rice straw to prevent wind erosion of soil. Upon completion of reclamation, if erosion is observed, additional erosion control will be implemented as well as weed control, supplemental seeding or planting to achieve acceptable site rehabilitation as per the Reclamation Plan specific to the site.

The recommended seed mix was developed after consulting with a BLM Range Biologist and an UC Berkeley Extension Farm Advisor.

d. Public Safety

This site is located in a very remote urban area of Lassen County, with a dirt road approach off of Hwy 395 to the site of approximately .12 miles. Due to the topography of Hwy 395 in relation to the site, the site is obscured from the public travelling on Hwy 395. The area consists of open range with very few residents or commercial businesses located in the general vicinity. This mine has been in operation for over 50 years and there has never been an incident in regards to public safety. The slopes of the mine are all 2:1 or flatter with low to moderate slope height. This site is regularly monitored by the maintenance staff that work in this area. If, at any time, public access to the site becomes a concern, Caltrans will reevaluate the site with BLM to discuss control measure options. Currently there is a discussion between Caltrans and BLM about posting a "Keep Out" or similar sign at the entrance to the site.

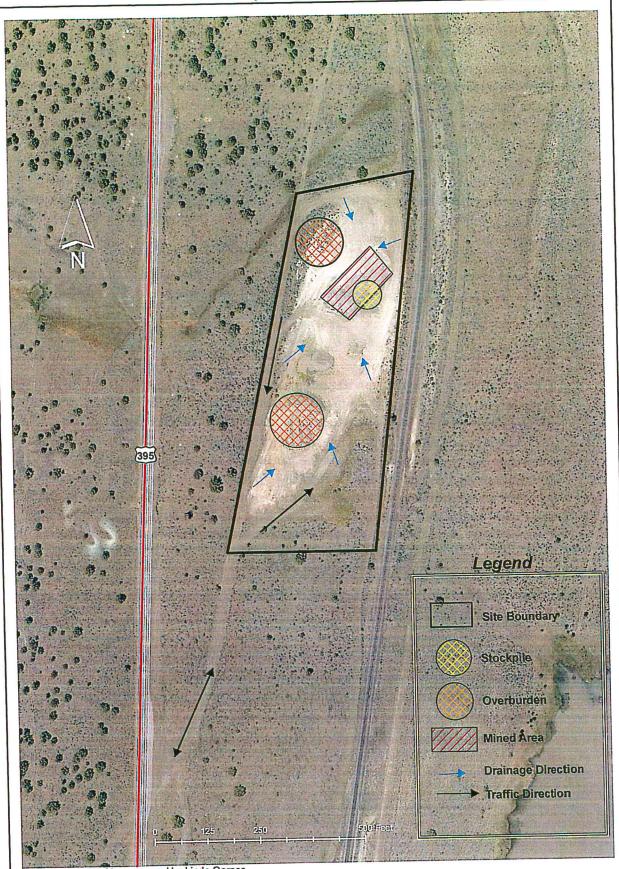
e. Maintenance and Monitoring

Maintenance Supervisors are responsible for various sections of the state highways within District 2. The Maintenance crews, assigned to the Alturas Maintenance Station, routinely monitors the activities within the assigned areas of responsibility, which include parts of SR 299 and Hwy 395, as well as this site. Monitoring will continue throughout the duration of operation of this mining pit.

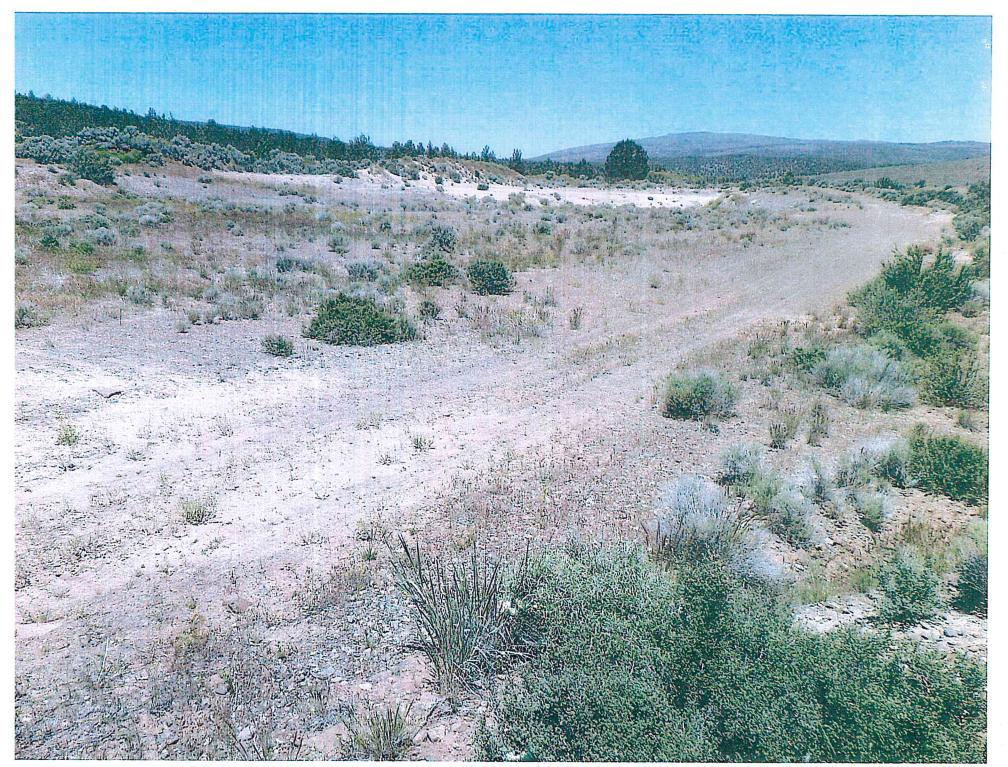
f. Site Map

See Attached Site Map, Topographical Map, and Site Photos

Madeline Pit IMP Site Map ID# 91-18-0027 Lassen County, Hwy 395, PM 129.2



IMP Site Map prepared by Linda Garner Note: The data in this map is for assessment purposes only.



Cortney Flather

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Gomes, Amy@DOC <Amy.Gomes@conservation.ca.gov> Friday, August 19, 2022 2:38 PM Cortney Flather Moore, Jacquelynn@DOC Madeline Pit (CA Mine ID# 91-18-0027) IMP (1st Renewal)

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Good Afternoon Cortney,

The Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) will not be sending out a comment letter for the Madeline Pit (CA Mine ID# 91-18-0027) Interim Management Plan submittal. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you

Amy



Amy M. Gomes

Environmental Scientist, Environmental Services Unit Division of Mine Reclamation

California Department of Conservation 715 P Street, MS 1905, Sacramento, CA 95814 T: (916) 616-1558 E: Amy.Gomes@conservation.ca.gov



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INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN FORM THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD



State of California DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN FORM

CA MINE ID#91-18-0027

MINE NAME Madeline Pit

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1. Company Operating California Department of Transportation	Linda	Contact Person S. Garner	Telephone (530) 225-3375	
Street Address/P.O. Box No. 1657 Riverside Dr / P.O. Box 496073	City Reddi	ng	State/ZIP Code/County CA 96001 Shasta County	
2. Designated Agent's Name (Individual must reside Linda S. Garner, SMARA Coordinator, CALTF		g Address Box 496073		
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3. Owner of Mining Operation California Department of Transportation		A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Telephone (530) 225-3375	
Mailing Address P.O. Box 496073				
City	State/ZIP Code CA 96049		Country (If other than U.S.A.)	
4. Landowner US Dept of Interior			Assessor's Parcel # 19-110-07	
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INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN FORM THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

10. Attachments

Permit

Approved reclamation plan (Attach only if there are proposed changes)

Financial Assurance Cost Estimate

Approved Financial Assurance and Proof of Approval

Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan (Attach only if the SWPPP will be used in lieu of separate erosion control plan)

CEQA Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (Attach if mitigation measures were imposed in approving the reclamation plan)

Date Prepared by Date Submitted by Date Approved by

RESOLUTION NO. 7-03-12

RESOLUTION OF THE LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN #1997-4, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR APPROVED RECLAMATION PLAN #1997-4.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Lassen County, after due notice and a public hearing held on July 5, 2012, has considered Interim Management Plan #1997-4, Bureau of Land Management and California Department of Transportation, to allow for a temporary plan of mining operations to be in effect during idle production periods. The proposed Interim Management Plan is considered a minor amendment of approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4 and is to be in effect for no more than five years and must address the requirements of Public Resources Code 2770(h). The existing mining operation is located approximately 0.60 miles north of the intersection of Highway 395 and County Road 527, in Madeline. A.P.N.: 019-110-07; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Lassen County is responsible for the consideration and approval of the proposed Interim Management Plan which is considered a minor amendment to the approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has considered at a public hearing duly noticed and held on July 5, 2012, Interim Management Plan #1997-4, Bureau of Land Management and California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Review Officer of the County of Lassen has determined that Interim Management Plans are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they are not considered a "project" as defined by Division 13, Section 21000 of the guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The Lassen County Planning Commission finds as follows:
 - a. The proposed project is consistent with Lassen County Code, Section 9.60.120 Interim Management Plan.
 - b. The proposed Interim Management Plan #1997-4 will be in effect for no more than five years and address the requirements of Public Resources Code 2770(h).

- 3. The Planning Commission hereby concurs with the Environmental Review Officer that the proposed Interim Management Plan is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it is not considered a "project" as defined by Division 13, Section 21000 of the guidelines.
- 4. The Planning Commission hereby approves Interim Management Plan #1997-4, Bureau of Land Management and California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the 5th day of July 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:	Purdy, Mudrich, Herman
NOES:	Solomon, Albaugh
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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Chairman Lassen County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Maurice L. Anderson, Secretary Lassen County Planning Commission

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING EXTENSION TO INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN #1997-4, CA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR APPROVED RECLAMATION PLAN #1997-4.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Lassen County, after due notice has considered on July 5, 2017 the extension to approved Interim Management Plan #1997-4, California Department of Transportation, to allow for a continued temporary plan of mining operations to be in effect during idle production periods. The proposed extension to the Interim Management Plan is to be in effect for no more than five years and must address the requirements of Public Resources Code 2770(h). The existing mining operation is located approximately 300 feet east of Highway 395 and 70 miles northeast of Susanville, CA via Highway 395. A.P.N.: 119-110-07; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Lassen County is responsible for the consideration and approval of the proposed extension to approved Interim Management Plan #1997-4 (which was a minor amendment to the approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4 and was approved by resolution #7-03-12); and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Review Officer of the County of Lassen has determined that Interim Management Plans, and therefore extensions to Interim Management Plans, are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they are not considered a "project" as defined by Section 15378 of the Guidelines and SMARA Section 2770(h)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The Lassen County Planning Commission finds as follows:
 - a. The proposed extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 is consistent with Lassen County Code, Section 9.60.120 Interim Management Plans (d).
 - b. The proposed extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 will be in effect for no more than five years from the date of its approval and will address the requirements of Public Resources Code, Section 2770(h).
 - c. The proposed extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 shall be considered void should the associated Bureau of Land Management Permit expire or be revoked, regardless of the status of the approved Interim Management Plan.

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- 3. The Planning Commission hereby concurs with the Environmental Review Officer that the Interim Management Plan, and therefore the extension to that Interim Management Plan, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it is not considered a "project" as defined by Section 15378 of the Guidelines and SMARA Section 2770(h)(1).
- 4. The Planning Commission hereby approves the extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4, California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the 5th day of July, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	Commissioners Solomon, Herman, Meyer and Purdy
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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Chairman Lassen County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Maurice L. Anderson, Secretary Lassen County Planning Commission

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING EXTENSION TO INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN #1997-4, CA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR APPROVED RECLAMATION PLAN #1997-4.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Lassen County, after due notice has considered on September 6, 2022 the extension to approved Interim Management Plan #1997-4, California Department of Transportation, to allow for a continued temporary plan of mining operations to be in effect during idle production periods. The proposed extension to the Interim Management Plan is to be in effect for no more than five years and must address the requirements of Public Resources Code 2770(h). The existing mining operation is located approximately 300 feet east of Highway 395 and 70 miles northeast of Susanville, CA via Highway 395. A.P.N.: 119-110-007; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Lassen County is responsible for the consideration and approval of the proposed extension to approved Interim Management Plan #1997-4 (which was a minor amendment to the approved Reclamation Plan #1997-4 and was approved by resolution #7-03-12); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered and approved on July 5, 2017 an extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 (Resolution No. 7-03-17), California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Review Officer of the County of Lassen has determined that Interim Management Plans, and therefore extensions to Interim Management Plans, are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they are not considered a "project" as defined by Section 15378 of the Guidelines and Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 2770(h)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The Lassen County Planning Commission finds as follows:
 - a. The proposed extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 is consistent with Lassen County Code, Section 9.60.120 Interim Management Plans (d).
 - b. The proposed extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 will be in effect for no more than five years from the date of its approval and will address the requirements of Public Resources Code, Section 2770(h).

- c. The proposed extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4 shall be considered void should the associated Bureau of Land Management Permit expire or be revoked, regardless of the status of the approved Interim Management Plan.
- 3. The Planning Commission hereby concurs with the Environmental Review Officer that the Interim Management Plan, and therefore the extension to that Interim Management Plan, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it is not considered a "project" as defined by Section 15378 of the Guidelines and SMARA Section 2770(h)(1).
- 4. The Planning Commission hereby approves the extension to Interim Management Plan #1997-4, California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the 6th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	
	Chairman
	Lassen County Planning Commission
ATTEST:	

Maurice L. Anderson, Secretary Lassen County Planning Commission