

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

This notice is being provided pursuant to applicable law. **Tullis, Inc. DBA Crystal Creek Aggregates** has requested approval of **Amendment 23-0003** and **Amendment 23-0004** to amend Use Permit 07-020 and Reclamation Plan 07-005, respectively, for the existing Crystal Creek Aggregates mine operation. The use permit amendment proposes to increase the annual and lifetime aggregate production volume of the mine operation from 250,000 tons to 500,000 tons and 7.096 million cubic-yards to 12.7 million cubic-yards, respectively; to change the configuration of the final finished quarry slope from 1¼ :1 to 1:1 and to increase the depth of mining by 60 feet; and to extend the estimated date of reclamation from 2072 to 2102. In addition, the use permit area is proposed to be expanded by an additional 69.28 acres to buffer lands to the south, west, and north from noise, light, and other mining-related activities; no mining is proposed within this area. The proposed changes would not increase the lateral extent of mining. The reclamation plan amendment proposes changes to make the reclamation plan consistent with the changes proposed by the use permit amendment and to change the final vegetative cover of the mine site to a more fire-resistant plant community. The applicant proposes to increase the westbound right turn lane on State Route 299 (SR-299) to 315 feet with a 120-foot taper and to construct a bike lane at the SR-299 intersection with Iron Mountain Road. The 110.69-acre project site is located at 10936 Iron Mountain Road in the unincorporated community of Keswick, on the west side of Iron Mountain Road approximately 1.5 miles north of the intersection of Iron Mountain Road and SR-299. Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 065-250-031 and 065-250-032. Supervisor District: 2. Planner: Tara Petti.

The Planning Commission of the County of Shasta, State of California, as the lead agency, will consider the recommended environmental determination and hold a public hearing on whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the project described in this notice. Based on an Initial Study, the Planning Commission will consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the described project. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is a statement that the project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment with mitigation incorporated. The public review period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on **Thursday, August 10, 2023**, and end on **Monday, September 11, 2023**. A copy of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is posted on the Shasta County Planning Division website and is available for review at the Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California 96001; Telephone (530) 225-5532. **The public hearing to consider the project will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, with the session beginning at 2:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Commission will allow. The hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers located in the Shasta County Administration Center at 1450 Court Street, Room 263, Redding, CA.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are encouraged and invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed actions or be present at the public hearing to be heard regarding the actions to be considered including, but not limited to, the proposed project, and the proposed determination of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project. To ensure consideration by the Commission, all written material concerning the proposed project should be submitted to the Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California 96001 as soon as possible and no later than three days prior to the hearing. All items presented to the Planning Commission before or during a public hearing, including but not limited to, letters, e-mails, petitions, photos, or maps, become a permanent part of the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Planning Commission. It is advised that the presenter bring eight copies of anything presented to the Commission, that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records. Persons wishing to submit comments or appear before the Planning Commission are encouraged to first contact the staff planner listed for the project.

Please note that any challenge of the proposed action in court may be limited to addressing only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

A copy of the staff report and all attachments will be posted on the Shasta County Planning Division website and will be available for review at the Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California 96001 at least 72 hours prior to the hearing; Telephone (530) 225-5532. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who may be interested in this information.

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