NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT: Jackson Valley Quarry Amended Use Permit (UP-06;9-2) to extend the hours of operation for operational / reclamation activities.

LEAD AGENCY: Amador County Planning Department

PROJECT LOCATION: 3421 Jackson Valley Road, Ione, CA 95640 (APN 005-230-018)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Amended Use Permit (UP-06;9-2) to modify the Conditions of Approval of the Jackson Valley Quarry Use Permit to extend the hours of operation for operational / reclamation activities (e.g., excavation, processing, load-out, and hauling). The current hours of operation for operational / reclamation activities are from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The amendment seeks to extend the hours of operation for operational / reclamation activities to 24 hours per day Monday through Friday (12:00 a.m. Monday through 11:59 p.m. Friday). No other changes to the approved Use Permit are requested.

<u>PROJECT FINDINGS</u>: There is no substantial evidence that the approval of the amended Use Permit, subject to implementation of the proposed Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures, will have a significant adverse effect on the physical environment.

STATEMENT OF REASONS:

- 1. The project, as proposed, is consistent with the Amador County General Plan and proposed zoning district at this location.
- 2. Additionally, this project is found to be consistent with CA GOV Code Section(s) 65860 and 65860(c).
- 3. The Planning Commission's approval of this Use Permit is sanctioned by Amador County Code Section 19.56.040 and said approval is contingent on the permittee's adherence to County Code Chapter 19.56 Use Permits.
- 4. There are no project-specific significant, unmitigated effects which are peculiar to the project or its site.
- 5. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the use or building applied for will not under the circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.
- 6. A review of the Use Permit and Zone Change request was conducted by the Technical Advisory Committee who, through their own research and the CEQA Initial Study, found this project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to the mitigation measures and conditions of approval incorporated, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be adopted and filed with the County Recorder.
- 7. On the basis of the administrative record presented, the Planning Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration included in the Staff Report reflects the Commission's independent judgement and analysis. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The Amador County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the matter on March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA, 95642. The Amador County Planning Commission will be conducting its meeting via teleconference. While this meeting will still be conducted in-person at the above address, we strongly encourage the public to participate from home by calling in using any of the following numbers:

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