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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 240
Nevada City, CA 95959

**Re: Rise Grass Valley Inc. Idaho Maryland Mine Project, Notice of Vested Right
Petition**

Dear Ms. Elliot:

As you are aware, my firm represents Rise Grass Valley Inc. ("Rise") concerning the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project (the "Project"). The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of Rise's intention to Petition the County for recognition of a vested right to conduct mining operations on its property (the "Petition").

Pursuant to our conversation on August 18th, 2023, my office expects to file the Petition on September 1st, 2023, and the County has agreed to schedule a hearing date before the Board of Supervisors ("Board") to consider the Petition no later than October 26th, 2023. Rise acknowledges that it has requested its Petition be taken up by the Board, and waives any argument regarding procedural rights or irregularities, that may be created by foregoing an initial hearing before the Planning Commission.¹

Rise further recognizes that because of its request, the Board hearing on its conditional use permit application, currently calendared for October 2nd and 3rd, will be taken off calendar and rescheduled. In the unlikely event that a vested right is not found at the October hearing, this letter confirms the County's agreement that the conditional use permit hearing will be heard before the Board on December 7th and 8th of this year.

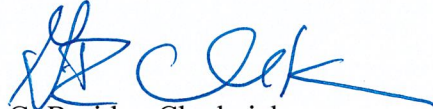
Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continuing to work with the County on the Project. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

¹ As the County has not adopted procedures for vested right hearings, Rise does not believe any irregularities are created by the Board taking action on the Petition.

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Best regards,

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