

ERRATUM TO IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (APRIL 2023)

INTRODUCTION

Since the release of the Idaho-Maryland Mine Final EIR, numerous comment letters have been received by the County. Based on the County's review of these comment letters, it has been determined that the Final EIR contains an inadvertent error in Response to Agency Comment 1-14. In general, this response to the California Department of Parks and Recreation letter on the Draft EIR stated that the applicant proposed emissions reduction measures related to air quality were not included in the project modeling and the Draft EIR needed to be clarified accordingly. In fact, the original wording in the Draft EIR is correct; the applicant proposed measures were accounted for in the emissions modeling, as described below. Thus, this Erratum provides the needed changes to Response to Comment Agcy 1-14 on page 2-182 of the Final EIR for clarification purposes.

CHANGES TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Page 2-182 of the Final EIR is hereby revised, as follows:

Response to Comment Agcy 1-14

The commenter questions how applicant proposed emissions reduction measures can reduce emissions impacts, when those measures were already assumed as part of the "unmitigated emissions" inventory. ~~However, the commenter's question is based on a typo in the DEIR, as the applicant proposed emission reduction measures were not actually included in the unmitigated emissions inventory. Page 4.3-73 of the DEIR had an error, which reads:~~

~~"The emission data presented in Table 4.3-17 (i.e., unmitigated emissions) reflect the reductions that would occur with implementation of APM-AQ-1 and APM-AQ-2."~~

~~The word "with" was intended to be "without". This error has been corrected in the Final EIR. APM-AQ-1 commits the applicant to use Tier 4 Final engines in all off-road operational diesel-fueled equipment and emergency generators owned by Rise Grass Valley Inc. Thus, APM-AQ-1 focuses on off-road diesel-fueled equipment and emergency generators owned by Rise Grass Valley Inc. The unmitigated emissions results presented in Table 4.3-17 of the Draft EIR do not reflect the use of Tier 4F engines for equipment owned by Rise Grass Valley; Table 4.3-19 of the Draft EIR presents the project's mitigated emissions, which~~

reflects the requirements of Mitigation Measure 4.3-1(b). The requirements of Mitigation Measure 4.3-1(b) are broader than APM-AQ-1 because it requires use of Tier 4 Final engines (or, if not commercially available, then at least Tier 3) in all construction diesel-powered equipment with engines equal to or greater than 50 horsepower (hp). Thus, the use of Tier 4F engines as required by Mitigation Measure 4.3-1(b) does achieve a reduction in emissions as compared to the unmitigated emissions. The type is hereby corrected on page 4.3-73 of the DEIR:

Mitigation Measure(s)

~~The emission data presented in Table 4.3-17 (i.e., unmitigated emissions) reflect the reductions that would occur without implementation of APM-AQ-1 and APM-AQ-2. Table 4.3-19 shows the estimated maximum daily mitigated emissions associated with construction, operation, and reclamation of the project, accounting for additional emissions reductions associated with Mitigation Measure 4.3-1(b), which would result in a reduction in construction contractors' equipment exhaust criteria air pollutants during project construction (year 2021).~~

~~The above minor change serves to clarify the DEIR text, and there is no change to the analysis in the DEIR and the impact significance conclusion from the DEIR.~~

The above changes are provided for clarification purposes and the original analysis and conclusions of the Draft EIR remain adequate.

Page 3-48 of the *Revisions to the Draft EIR Text* chapter of the Final EIR is also hereby revised to delete the unnecessary text change to Chapter 4.3, based on the above clarification.

~~Page 4.3-73, DEIR Chapter 4.3, Section 4.3.4, first and second paragraphs under the Mitigation Measure(s) subheading are hereby revised as follows:~~

Mitigation Measure(s)

~~The emission data presented in Table 4.3-17 (i.e., unmitigated emissions) reflect the reductions that would occur without implementation of APM-AQ-1 and APM-AQ-2. Table 4.3-19 shows the estimated maximum daily mitigated emissions associated with construction, operation, and reclamation of the project, accounting for additional emissions reductions associated with Mitigation Measure 4.3-1(b), which would result in a reduction in construction contractors' equipment exhaust criteria air pollutants during project construction (year 2021).³⁹ Additional reductions could not be quantified for Mitigation Measure 4.3-1(a), which are the NSAQMD recommended mitigation measures that are applicable to the project.~~