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SUMMARY MINUTES

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, February 15, 2024	9:00 AM	Board Chamber, First Floor
Friday, February 16, 2024		Eric Rood Administrative Center
		950 Maidu Avenue
		Nevada City, California

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024: 9:00 AM

Rollcall: The following Supervisors present:

Heidi Hall, 1st District

Ed Scofield, 2nd District

Lisa Swarthout, 3rd District

Susan Hoek, 4th District

Hardy Bullock, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Bullock called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

No corrections or deletions to the agenda were noted.

SCHEDULED ITEM: 9:00 AM**Planning Director: Brian Foss**

[SR 24-0199](#) Public Hearing to consider A) PLN19-0176; EIR19-0001; RZN19-0002; VAR19-0003; MIS22-0019; CUP19-0004; MGT19-0039, MGT19-0040, MGT20-0009, MGT20-0010, MGT20-0011, MGT20-0012, MGT20-0013; LLA20-0006; AAM21-0002; a proposed project that would reinstate underground mining and gold mineralization processing for the Idaho-Maryland Mine over an eighty (80)-year permit period with gold mineralization processing and underground exploration and mining proposed to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week during full operations. Following completion of mining and processing activities, the project site would be reclaimed to open space and land suitable for future development of industrial uses; and B) to carry forward the results of the Special Meeting of Nevada County Planning Commission on May 10, 2023, and May 11, 2023 and the (5-0) vote and recommendation to deny the proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine - Rise Grass Valley Project. (Assessor's parcel numbers: 006-441-003, -004, -005, -034; 009-630-037, -039; 009-550-032, -037, -038, -039, -040; and 009-560-036.)

Resolution to not certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and find the project statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15270(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because CEQA does not apply to projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves; to deny the Rezone (RZN19-0002) for the parcels located at the Brunswick Industrial Site from Light-Industrial with Site Performance Combining District (M1-SP) to Light Industrial with Mineral Extraction Combining District (M1-ME); to deny the Variance (VAR19-0003) for the construction of several structures up to a height of 165 feet, where forty-five (45) feet is required, pursuant to Nevada County Land Use and Development Code, Section L-II 2.5 - Industrial Uses, Table L-II 2.5.E, and; to take no action on the following project entitlements: Development Agreement (MIS22-0019), Use Permit with a Reclamation Plan (CUP19-0004); Management Plans (MGT19-0039, MGT19-0040, MGT20-0009, MGT20-0010, MGT20-0011, MGT20-0012, MGT20-0013), Boundary Line Adjustment (LLA20-0006), Parcel Map Amendment (AAM21-0002).

Public hearing held.

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Bullock opened the meeting. The Supervisors disclosed any information received or meetings held related to the proposed project. Staff provided a presentation. The appellant requested that Supervisor Hall recuse herself from the meeting; Supervisor Hall responded and declined to recuse herself. The applicant provided a presentation and staff provided the Board with additional information. Board questions followed. Chair Bullock opened the opportunity for public comment and public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: At 7:01 p.m., Chair Bullock adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, to be reconvened on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Eric Rood Administrative Center, First Floor, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, 95959.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024: 9:00 AM

Call the meeting to order.

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Bullock reconvened the special meeting back to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024, after the adjournment on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:01 p.m. All Supervisors present.

Planning Director: Brian Foss

[SR 24-0282](#) Public Hearing to consider A) PLN19-0176; EIR19-0001; RZN19-0002; VAR19-0003; MIS22-0019; CUP19-0004; MGT19-0039, MGT19-0040, MGT20-0009, MGT20-0010, MGT20-0011, MGT20-0012, MGT20-0013; LLA20-0006; AAM21-0002; a proposed project that would reinstate underground mining and gold mineralization processing for the Idaho-Maryland Mine over an eighty (80)-year permit period with gold mineralization processing and underground exploration and mining proposed to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week during full operations. Following completion of mining and processing activities, the project site would be reclaimed to open space and land suitable for future development of industrial uses; and B) to carry forward the results of the Special Meeting of Nevada County Planning Commission on May 10, 2023, and May 11, 2023 and the (5-0) vote and recommendation to deny the proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine - Rise Grass Valley Project. (Assessor's parcel numbers: 006-441-003, -004, -005, -034; 009-630-037, -039; 009-550-032, -037, -038, -039, -040; and 009-560-036.)

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Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 24-053

ACTION TAKEN: Staff provided the Board with recommendations. Consultants responded to Board questions. The applicant spoke to issues raised and responded to questions. Board questions, discussions, and comments followed.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Swarthout and seconded by Supervisor Scofield to adopt Resolution 24-053. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Bullock adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Signature and Attestation

Hardy Bullock, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By:

Claire Swanson, Deputy Clerk to the Board