

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION RIO DEL ORO MINING PROJECT

Final Mitigated Negative Declaration



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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/INITIAL STUDY FOR
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION – RIO DEL ORO MINING, PROJECT RC-06-224**

April 27, 2007

LEAD AGENCY: City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department
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PROJECT TITLE: Granite Construction – Rio Del Oro Mining

PROJECT LOCATION: The Granite Construction - Rio Del Oro Mining Project site consists of a 1,300-acre proposed mining and processing area, situated within a 2,526-acre parcel owned by Aerojet/GenCorp. The site is located within the city limits of Rancho Cordova, directly adjacent and south of White Rock Road, approximately 4,800 feet east of Sunrise Boulevard and approximately 5,100 feet north of Douglas Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is requesting approval of an Aerojet Special Planning Area (SPA) Implementation Permit and a Reclamation Plan to allow for surface mining and the commencement of processing operations on the site. The project proposes the mining, processing, and export of tailings which were created by previous gold dredge mining operations on the project site. Approximately 600 acres of the 1,300-acre site is expected to be disturbed. Some or all of the material mined from the site may be processed by a portable crushing and screening plant that will work its way across the project site as the operation progresses. Material from the site will be loaded into transport trucks and weighed at an on-site scale house, located at an on-site staging and sales area before entering onto either Douglas Road or White Rock Road.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, with substantial supporting evidence provided in the Initial Study. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30 day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study will commence on **April 27, 2007** and will end on **May 28, 2007** for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study should be sent to the attention of **Ben Ritchie** and must be received at the above address by **5:00 PM on May 28, 2007**. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are available for review at **Rancho Cordova City Hall at 2729 Prospect Park Drive in Rancho Cordova** and online at www.cityofranhocordova.org.

PUBLIC MEETING: This project is not yet scheduled to be heard by the City of Rancho Cordova Planning Commission. Upon being scheduled for the Planning Commission, public notice will be provided on the City's website at <http://www.cityofranhocordova.org/> and at City Hall.

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