

NEVADA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, **May 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** and may be continued on **May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**, or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Chambers of the Eric Rood Administrative Center, at 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California, the Nevada County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider project recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine – Rise Grass Valley project: Members of the public who want to participate, including but not limited to, providing oral public comments in the meeting, should plan on attending the meeting on May 10, 2023 because there is no guarantee that it will be necessary to continue the meeting to May 11, 2023.

9:00 a.m. PLN19-0176; EIR19-0001; CUP19-0004; RZN19-0002; VAR19-0003; MGT19-0039; MGT19-0040; MGT20-0009; MGT20-0010; MGT20-0011; MGT20-0012; MGT20-0013; LLA20-0006; AAM21-0002; MIS22-0019

The proposed project 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 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during full operations. Following completion of mining and processing activities, the project sites would be reclaimed to open space and land suitable for future development of industrial uses. For the full Project Description, please see the Draft Environmental Impact Report Chapter 3.0.

LOCATION: The proposed project’s surface components would be located within unincorporated western Nevada County on approximately 175.64 acres, consisting of the Brunswick Industrial Site, the Centennial Industrial Site, and an approximately 0.30-acre portion of East Bennett Road for off-site improvements associated with a potable water pipeline easement. The proposed project would also involve underground mining within a defined portion of an approximately 2,585-acre mineral rights boundary owned by the project applicant. It should be noted that underground mining would not occur within the entire area of mineral rights and would be limited to an approximately 1,415-acre portion of the underground mineral rights boundary as analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the proposed project. The potable water pipeline easement would be located along East Bennett Road and would be contained within the existing right-of-way.

The Centennial and Brunswick Industrial Sites are located within unincorporated Western Nevada County and are owned by Rise Grass Valley (applicant). The 119-acre Brunswick Industrial Site is located southwest of the intersection of East Bennett Road and Brunswick Road and is accessible from Brunswick Road or East Bennett Road. The 56.41-acre Centennial Industrial Site is located southwest of the intersection of Idaho Maryland Road and Centennial Drive, approximately 1.5 miles from the Brunswick Industrial Site.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER’S: 006-441-003, -004, -005, -034; 009-630-037, -039; 009-550-032, -037, -038, -039, -040; and 009-560-036

RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION: The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED PROJECT ACTION: Hold a public hearing to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNER: Matt Kelley, Senior Planner; Cindy Gnos – Raney Planning & Management; Nick Pappani – Raney Planning & Management

You have the right to attend the Planning Commission meeting and public hearing to provide oral testimony and comments, and/or to submit written materials regarding the potential actions. Any person wishing to offer oral testimony on this matter should appear at the public hearing where you will receive a number to speak to

the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission Chair may place additional reasonable restrictions on the time allowed to any person to speak on these matters.

PUBLIC HEARING PARTICIPATION:

Oral Participation

Speaker numbers will be handed out, on a first come first serve basis, beginning at 8:30 am on Wednesday May 10th in the Lobby of the Eric Rood Administration Building, just outside the Board of Supervisors Chambers, located at 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City. Speakers will be lined up in groups of ten (10), in order, and guided through the Supervisors Chambers, to address the Planning Commission and provide oral public comment. **In an effort to ensure all Community Members are given the opportunity to address the Planning Commission, all speakers will be provided three (3) minutes. Once the three (3) minutes has expired, the microphone will automatically be turned off. Any comments provided after the microphone is turned off, will not be entered into the record.**

The Public Comment portion of the Hearing will last until all who are wishing to participate, have done so, and may be continued to May 11, 2023 at 9:00 am, **if needed**, if all speakers have not had an opportunity to participate. Members of the public should anticipate that there may not be a second day of hearings on May 11 and should attend on May 10, 2023.

Written comments:

Public Comment may also be provided by

- Email to idaho.mmeir@nevadacountyca.gov, must be received no later than 5:00 pm on May 9, 2023
- Mailed to the Nevada county Planning Department at 950 Maidu Ave, Suite 170, Nevada City, Ca 95959, must be received no later than 5:00 pm on May 9, 2023
- Submitted through our eComment system at http://nevco.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=19.
- Provided directly to the Planning Commission Clerk at the hearing.

All written comments provided will be entered into the final record but not read into the record at the hearing.

Copies of the Environmental Impact Report and any other project materials are available for public review on-line by visiting the Nevada County Planning Department webpage dedicated to this project at: <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3195/Idaho-Maryland-Mine---Rise-Grass-Valley>;

A printed copy of the Environmental Impact Report is available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- [Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959](#)
- [Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA 95959](#)
- [Grass Valley Library – Royce Branch, 207 Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945](#)

The Agenda along with all documents pertaining to the proposed actions, Staff Reports and other supporting documents will be available for public review and consideration no later than April 25, 2023 at the Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959 or can be found online at: <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/1752/Planning-Commission>.

If you challenge the Planning Commission’s determinations or decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

NEVADA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Brian Foss, Ex-Officio Secretary

By: Shelley Romriell, Clerk to the Planning Commission

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