



COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

Project Title: Persistence Mine Reclamation Plan

Project No.: MRP-2023-00001

Project Location: San Bernardino County near the Atolia area, approximately 6.3 miles south of Johannesburg. County (parcels 050334101 and 050308113).

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 0503-341-01 & 0503-081-13

Project Description: The applicant proposes to extract gold from semi to unconsolidated gravels, sands, and silts (sediments located within placer mining claims managed by the BLM. The sediments have been extensively tested and show economic gold grades suitable for surface mining extraction down to a tested depth of 24 feet, covering approximately 106 acres on 267 acres, across two non-contiguous pits. These two pits are referred to as the western and eastern pits. The proposed operation capacity is to process up to 96,000 cubic yards of material per month.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:

The document meets the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Interested parties can view the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist and supporting documentation online at: <https://lus.sbcounty.gov/planning-home/environmental/desert-region/> and the following offices:

High Desert Government Center
Land Use Services – Planning Division
15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131
Hesperia, CA 92345

San Bernardino Government Center
Land Use Services – Planning Division
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

The comment period on the IS/MND begins on July 17, 2025 , and closes on August 18, 2025

Please submit comments to derek.newland@lus.sbcounty.gov or to:

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