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Subject: Re: Golden Girl Placer Mine - Environmental Assessment
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To: "Charles Watson" <cwatson@advancedgeologic.com>
Cc: "Tucker White" <admin@goldengirlminingcompany.com>

Hi Charles and Tucker,

I wanted to follow up with a status report so you know where things are right now. As I have indicated in previous emails, the project application is considered incomplete by the County. Here is an abbreviated list of reasons/information needed. I will follow up with a more detailed letter as soon as I receive written responses from all agencies. Please note this is a preliminary list for you to start working on; there will likely be more items since many of these were obtained by verbal communications with the various agencies.

- 1. Public Works Dept:** Provide evidence of deeded access across Hansen Bros property to the west and south, and across BLM property to the east and south (it appears that there are four access easements we will need to see from the Master Plan you submitted).
- 2. Environmental Health Dept:** Incomplete and inaccurate Hazardous Materials Inventory (will also need Hazardous Materials Response Plans), current violations associated with well drilling (the well permit was not finalized, yet well drilling was observed on the site); residual issues with the sluice tunnels; issues with COCs (chemicals of concern) – an Abandoned Mine Assessment may be needed; incomplete septic plans (off-hauling waste not considered acceptable); a soil evaluation has not been completed; potential issues with the wastewater ponds (higher concentrations of pollutants may accumulate in the ponds); and the need for greater processing detail.
- 3. Planning Dept:** Reclamation Plan is incomplete/inadequate (see checklist that came with the application). It would probably benefit your application to review a couple of good Reclamation Plans that have been submitted to the County. We can copy these for our per-page fee if you'd like, or you can come in and look at them in the office. The other (even better) option is to hire a consultant with experience doing reclamation plans to prepare a professional one for you. There will also be some needed revisions to the site plan and clarifications for the project description.
- 4. Dept of Conservation:** Will need to review the Reclamation Plan after the County has deemed it complete; the County will not consider the project application complete until the Reclamation Plan has been deemed complete and adequate by the Dept of Conservation. (see attached letter)
- 5. BLM:** Will not grant easements until the applicant "completes all tasks required to resolve its trespass" and "makes financial restitution to BLM to cover penalties, back rental, and administrative costs associated with this case" (from a letter dated August 28, 2008). These easements are necessary for the County to consider the project application complete. BLM also has some revisions to the project site plan that will be necessary before the project application is considered complete for processing.
- 6. Regional Water Quality Control Board:** Needs project description and site plan clarifications. The most predominant among these is the need for the completion of the Sampling Plan so that RWQCB can begin sampling and craft their conditions related to water quality monitoring. (see attached letter)
- 7. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District:** The Air District needs more detail on the proposed mine operation, including the equipment to be used, the distance and frequency of haul road usage, and all potential sources of air pollution emissions. It appears that a permit will be required from the District for at least each generator proposed, and quite likely for the screening operations as well. In addition, Rule 226: Dust Control requires the submittal and approval of a Dust Control Plan for any project involving the disturbance (clearing, grading, etcetera) of more than one acre of surface area prior to its disturbance. The applicant is encouraged to contact the District regarding the measures that should be included.
- 8. California Department of Fish and Game:** They have indicated they are requiring a Habitat Restoration Plan for the work that has been conducted on the site to date (see attached letter).
- 9.** All violations will need to be cleared prior to project approval, and you are advised that these violations should be cleared prior to the public hearing. Thus, the project cannot really move forward until these are rectified.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jessica