



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## REPORT OF ACTIONS RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – OCTOBER 5, 2022 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, Ca 92501

1<sup>st</sup> District  
Shade Awad

2<sup>nd</sup> District  
David Leonard  
Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Gary Thornhill  
Vice-Chair

4<sup>th</sup> District  
Bill Sanchez

5<sup>th</sup> District  
Eric Kroencke

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Awad, Leonard, Thornhill, Sanchez, and Kroencke  
Members Absent: None

**1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR:**  
NONE

**2.0 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT INITIATION PROCEEDINGS**  
NONE

**3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS – CONTINUED ITEMS:**

3.1 **SURFACE MINE PERMIT NO. 102, REVISION NO. 1 – Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration** – (CEQ/EA No.43042) - Applicant: Double D Mining, LLC - Engineer/Representative: N/A - Fourth Supervisorial District – Natural Assets Zone – Eastern Riverside County Desert Areas (Non-Area Plan) – Open Space-Rural (OS-RUR) – Location: West side of the Little Maria Mountains, approximately 25 miles northwest from the City of Blythe and 10 miles west of Middle Road. **REQUEST:** To revise approved Surface Mine Permit No. 102 to allow an approximately 59-acre, two-phase expansion of an existing, 110.3-acre surface mine to include additional extraction of gypsum, as well as temporary stockpiling of excavated surface materials (overburden) for a period of 50 years. The expanded mine would comprise 169.5 acres, with an average of 450,000 tons (maximum 900,000 tons) of material to be extracted annually. The total volume to be removed is estimated at 61 million tons over the lifetime of the mine. Following conclusion of the second phase, the entirety of the mine, in addition to 21 acres outside of the footprint of proposed operations, would be “reclaimed” in accordance with the revised Reclamation Plan and ultimately return a total of 190.5 acres to open space, habitat and restored drainage courses. Continued from August 17, 2022. Project Planner: Evan Langan at (951) 955-3024 or email at [elangan@rivco.org](mailto:elangan@rivco.org).

**Planning Commission Action:**

Public Comments: None. Public Hearing closed.  
By a vote of 5-0, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

**ADOPTED** a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 43042; and,

**APPROVED** Surface Mine Permit No. 102, Revision No. 1, subject to the advisory notification document and conditions of approval.

**4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW ITEMS:**  
NONE

**5.0 WORKSHOPS**  
NONE

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**7.0 DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**8.0 COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:22 a.m.