## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

and

## INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A PUBLIC HEARING has been scheduled, pursuant to Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348, before the RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION to consider a proposed project in the vicinity of your property, as described below:

SURFACE MINE PERMIT NO. 00102, REVISION NO. 1 (SMP00102R01) – Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration – (CEQ/EA No.43042) - Applicant: Double D Mining, LLC - Fourth Supervisorial District – Natural Assesses 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 form the City of Blythe and 10 miles west of Middle Road. REQUEST: SURFACE MINE PERMIT NO. 00102, REVISION NO. 1, is a proposal to revise approved Surface Mine Permit 00102 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. Project address: 1 Arlington Mine Road. APNs: 809-170-016, -024, -025, -026.

TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 am or as soon as possible thereafter.

DATE OF HEARING: AUGUST 17, 2022

PLACE OF HEARING: RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

BOARD CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR

4080 LEMON STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

This meeting will be conducted by teleconference and at the place of hearing, as listed above. Information on how to request to speak remotely is available on the Planning Department website at <a href="https://planning.rctlma.org/Public-Hearings/Planning-Commission/2022-Planning-Commission-Meetings">https://planning.rctlma.org/Public-Hearings/Planning-Commission/2022-Planning-Commission-Meetings</a>.

For further information regarding this project, please contact Project Planner Evan Langan at (951) 955-3024 or email at <a href="mailto:elangan@rivco.org">elangan@rivco.org</a>, or go to the County Planning Department's Planning Commission agenda web page at <a href="https://planning.rctlma.org">https://planning.rctlma.org</a>.

The Riverside County Planning Department has determined that the above project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has recommended adoption of a mitigated negative declaration. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed project and the proposed mitigated negative declaration, at the public hearing. The mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project is available for review online on the Planning Department website at <a href="https://planning.rctlma.org/">https://planning.rctlma.org/</a>, listed under Environmental Documents. The meeting documents for the proposed project can be viewed online under the hearing date on the Public Hearing page of the Planning Department website: <a href="https://planning.rctlma.org/Public-Hearings/Planning-Commission/2022-Planning-Commission-Meetings">https://planning.rctlma.org/Public-Hearings/Planning-Commission/2022-Planning-Commission-Meetings</a>.

Public Review Period: The public review period to comment on the environmental document is from Wednesday, July 13, 2022, to Friday, August 12, 2022. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit their comments in writing by mail or email, or by phone between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, you may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. You may participate remotely by registering with the Planning Department. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project. All correspondence received before and during the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Director at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comment, the Planning Director may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Please send all written correspondence to:

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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