

Notice of Exemption

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 Land Use Services Department
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Project Description

Applicant

PROJECT TITLE:	St. Elmo Mine Patented Claims
APN:	0503-351-04
APPLICANT:	Gold Discovery Group LLC
PROPOSAL:	A temporary use permit for an exploratory drilling program consisting of 42 auger holes to a maximum depth of 35 ft. on the St. Elmo Mine Patented Claims consisting of 99.5 acres.
PROJECT #:	PTUP-2025-00012
COMMUNITY:	Red Mountain
LOCATION:	Approximately 3.5 miles south of the community of Red Mountain on the eastern side of US Highway 395. 35° 17' 55.842" N, 117° 36' 48.1458" W

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of exploratory drilling of 42 holes over a 6-to-8-week period using an augur through unconsolidated sediments and does not propose the use of water, air, drill pads, sumps, grading, or the building of any new roads. Drill holes will be filled the same day of drilling once samples have been taken. In the event the drilling is not completed on the same day the holes will be covered to prevent wildlife from falling in. Open ground will be selected for drilling to avoid vegetation and reduce habitat disturbance. At the end of the projects duration the site will be left in its natural condition. Mineral resource extraction and processing are typical uses described within the Resource/Land Management Land Use Category established in the Countywide Policy Plan. Mining activities are allowed within the Resource Conservation land use zoning district with a temporary use permit if under one acre and provided SMARA Section 2714(d) is not exceeded.

Derek Newland Planner II 8/6/25
 Signature Title Date

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant
 Date received for filing at OPR: _____