

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025
NORWOOD SHERIFF ANNEX 1110 SUMMIT ST, NORWOOD, CO 81423**

1. Call to Order

Present:

Commissioner Ian Bald
Commissioner Lee Taylor
Commissioner Mathew Bayma
Commissioner Josselin Lifton-Zoline
Commissioner Hallie Bevan Simpson
Commissioner Robyn Van Gelder
Commissioner Galena Gleason

Staff Present:

Kaye Simonson, Planning Director
John Huebner, Senior Planner
Nicola Kerr, Associate Planner
Jarrod Biggs, County Assistant Manager
Maura Fahey, County Attorney

9:45 a.m. meeting called to order.

2. Approval of Minutes, Planning Commission and Staff Comments

Kaye Simonson, Planning Director, updated the Commission. The Planning Commission will be meeting in Norwood again for a Mining Special Use Permit in February.

- a. December 12, 2024 DRAFT Minutes

Motion by Ian Bald to to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes. **Seconded** by Hallie Bevan Simpson. **PASSED 7-0.**

3. Work Session

- a. Discussion of proposed Land Use Code Amendment Section 6-3 Mining

The Commission discussed topics such as requirements for utilizing a local workforce, differences between remediation and reclamation, haul routes for hazardous materials, the definition of a mineral, and the impact of operations vs the scale of operations. Additionally, the commission discussed their role in the permitting process including their duty to keep San Miguel County Citizens informed without overreaching into State and Federal regulations.

12:50 p.m. Public Comment opened.

Those who addressed the Commission:

Bob Larson, Mining and Geological Consultant.

Shane Baird, Telluride Fire Department.

Tony Adkins, Geologist.

Jennifer Thurston, Information Network for Responsible Mining.

Adrian Bergere, Director of the San Miguel Watershed Coalition.

Ruthie Boyd, Sheep Mountain Alliance.

Helen Thomas, Geologist and Environmental Consultant.

Lisa Allee, Citizen of San Miguel County.

1:35 p.m. Public Comment closed.

4. Adjournment

1:45 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: 02/13/25
PLANNING COMMISSION

Mathew Bayma

Mathew Bayma (May 6, 2025 08:57 MDT)

ATTEST:

Nicola Kerr

Nicola Kerr (Apr 28, 2025 17:10 MDT)