

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
1110 SUMMIT STREET, NORWOOD, COLORADO 81423**

1. Call to Order

Present:

Commissioner Ian Bald
Commissioner Lee Taylor
Commissioner Josselin Lifton-Zoline
Commissioner Hallie Bevan Simpson
Commissioner Robyn Van Gelder
County Commissioner Anne Brown
County Commissioner Lance Waring
County Commissioner Galena Gleason

Staff Present:

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

2. Land Use Code Amendment Worksession

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

**** This Work Session is a joint meeting of the CPC and BOCC****

Kaye Simonson, Planning Director, and Tori Jarvis, County Consultant, gave a presentation.

The commission discussed topics such as order of operations in obtaining county permits and state and federal permits, redundancy and preemption, and standards for annual reporting.

Bob Larson, Geologist, commented that he has concerns regarding duplication and preemption. The commission needs to hone in on what it actually needs to review. It is going to cost the taxpayers lots of money to duplicate the review that federal and state agencies are already doing.

Dan Ben-Horin, Uncompahgre BLM field officer, thanked the commission for the opportunity to attend and for the work done so far.

Paul Szilagyi commented that if all this work is being done for fear that the federal government will stop its oversight, the regulations are overkill.

John Reams, president of the Western Small Miners Association, echoes Bob Larson's

comments.

Adam Eckman stated the county needs to be careful not to go above and beyond DRMS regulations triggering preemption. He struggles to see what would be covered by San Miguel County that is not already covered. Surface disturbances are already covered.

Kathy Cooper asked why mining is being singled out with regulations and not the logging, housing, or skiing industry.

The amendment is expected to be scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission at their June 12, 2025 regular meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Planning Commission reconvened independently after lunch to continue the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: 05/08/25

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mathew Bayma

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Nicola Kerr

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