

DUST ISSUES IN THE LIVERMORE AREA TOWN HALL MEETING

**ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING

- CDA's Neighborhood Preservation and Sustainability Departments Role:
 - Monitor County mining operations to ensure they operate consistent with Alameda County Surface Mining Ordinance (ACSMO), their Surface Mining Permits (SMP) and reclamation plans.
 - Initiate enforcement actions when mining operations exceed authority granted in ACSMO, SMP or reclamation plan.
 - Existing SMPs provide conditions to minimize dust consistent with legally established regulations for the control of fugitive dust, established and enforced by BAAQMD.
 - BAAQMD inspects, investigates, and as appropriate, issues violations of air quality standards.
- Last summer's dust issues were the culmination of unique environmental circumstances and mining operations closer to Isabel Avenue.
- CDA is committed to working with other agencies, the community, and mining operators to improve the situation.



SUBSEQUENT COORDINATION

- Multiple coordination meetings with the Supervisor's office, mining operators, city and state agencies discussing:
 - Potential sources and activities generating dust
 - Program to monitor dust to identify sources and activities
 - Agency and operator responsibilities; and
 - Development of a Dust Working Group
 - Creation of a system to respond to future dust complaints
- Required the mining operators to prepare fugitive dust control plans, which will be incorporated into SMPs through periodic review and reclamation processes currently underway



RECOMMENDED APPROACH

- Communicate with mine operators and BAAQMD regarding dust concerns consistent with the protocol discussed.
- County will continue to monitor the mining operators compliance with existing SMPs and reclamation plans (annual reporting and periodic reviews).
- County will continue to coordinate with the Dust Working Group (Supervisors office, local and state agencies, and mining operators) to ensure dust issues are addressed.

