



**Mineral Lands Task Force  
Minutes Meeting #3  
January 10, 2012  
CalPortland office 18606 SE 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

**Attendees:** Virgle Barnett, Richard Dyrland, Richard Fazio, Linda Rectanus, Barb Repman, Chuck Rose, Bob Short, Jeff Wriston

**Staff:** Mike Mabrey

Minutes of the December 13 meeting were approved as written.

Richard requested a full size copy of the DNR inventory map.

Designating mineral resources on a map - The group reviewed the map of speculative sand and gravel deposits on private, rural, non-residential lands and noted that there were several county-owned parcels that had not been included. After much discussion, the group concluded that the areas classified as speculative on the DNR inventory map should not be given the surface mining overlay designation because there was not enough evidence that these areas contained aggregate with long-term commercial significance. If the surface mining overlay was applied this broadly, there would be impacts to property owners that are not warranted based on the available data.

It was also decided that staff should contact owners of properties that currently have the surface mining overlay, but are not within the proposed overlay and where is no history of mining to let them know that the overlay will be removed.

Criteria for designating sites at the property owners request – There was consensus that the criteria and process for adding or removing the surface mining overlay should be easier than it currently is. There is no public interest served by preventing mining in the rural area where the owner considers it economically feasible to do so. The process should provide for public notice and reasonable fees. The group agreed that the criteria for approving the surface mining overlay designation should focus on the quality and quantity of the resource, not on potential impacts or operational issues. On a preliminary basis, the following criteria were identified:

- A. The site must be 5 acres or greater; and
- B. The site must be within an area identified on the DNR inventory map as having speculative aggregate resources; or the proponent must submit data from test pits or borings which confirms the presence and depth of the aggregate resource.

Mike will prepare a draft of how the process might be incorporated in the code for the next meeting.

All maps and meeting notes will be posted on the project webpage:

[http://www.co.clark.wa.us/planning/land\\_use/mining.html](http://www.co.clark.wa.us/planning/land_use/mining.html)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 at the fire station meeting room at 6701 NE 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SE corner of Fourth Plain and Ward Road).