NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BECKS MINE AND RECLAMATION PLAN

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

**Project Title:** Becks Mine and Reclamation Plan.

**Project No.:** AP20120012.

**Project Location:** The site is located on BLM managed public lands in the Kingston Range approximately 20 miles southeast of Tecopa, California, just within the northern boundary of San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** Reclamation Plan for their Bureau of Land Management approved Plan of Operations to remove historically stockpiled iron ore tailings from a 20-acre site followed by reclamation.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at www.sbcounty.gov and at the following physical locations:

- San Bernardino County Government Center
- Land Use Services Department, First Floor
- 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
- San Bernardino, CA 92415

- High Desert Government Center
- 15900 Smoke Tree St. Suite 131
- Hesperia, CA 92345

If unavailable on the web site, the document may be obtained in electronic format by telephoning the Land Use Services Department at (909) 387-8311 or, or by emailing the project Planner at ernestperea@ymail.com to request a PDF version of the document.

The public comment period will end on June 15, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Please submit comments to ernestperea@ymail.com or:

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**Public Hearing:** A public hearing will be scheduled to consider adoption of the Final IS/MND at a future date. In advance of the hearing date, Staff will distribute a separate notice regarding that hearing.