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Planning Commission Recommendation to the Clark County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ron Barca, Planning Commission Chair

DATE: March 4, 2014

SUBJECT: **CPZ2013-00015 Surface Mining Overlay Update**

RECOMMENDATIONS: Amend the Surface Mining Overlay map and Mineral Lands Policies

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission held public hearings on September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 5, 2013 to consider changes to the Comprehensive Plan Map, the Zoning Map and the Unified Development Code related to the Surface Mining Overlay map and standards, as well as Mineral Lands Policies and procedures and criteria for changing the overlay. Two Planning Commission members recused themselves from these hearings. There was lengthy public testimony for and against the proposed changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission voted on whether or not to add fifteen areas to the Surface Mining Overlay. Three of these areas were submitted by the Mineral Lands Task Force based on property owner requests (Morgan, S. of Tebo & Matilla). The other twelve areas were recommended for inclusion by the task force following a screening process that focused on mapped identified resources on rural resource lands where access and environmental constraints did not clearly preclude their economic use for mineral extraction. A summary of the Planning Commission recommendations to the Board of Clark County Commissioners and the voting on each area are attached.

The Planning Commission also voted on individual policies recommended by staff and various parties of record. Many of these votes were 3 to 2, though some were unanimous. The policy options considered by the Planning Commission and our recommendations are provided for the Board's consideration.