

California SURFACE MINING LAW

A Guide to Federal, State, and Local Requirements

THE FIRST AND ONLY BOOK that comprehensively addresses the regulation of surface mining in California. Covers federal, state, regional, and local laws and regulations along with relevant cases, and provides extensive citations. Explains mining-specific concepts and offers practical advice for understanding and complying with the law.

AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE for attorneys—whether for mining operators, public agencies, or neighborhood or environmental organizations—as well as planners, consultants, government officials, and interested members of the public.

TOPICS INCLUDE—

- An introduction to surface mining—its forms, operations, uses, and applications
- State Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), including its provisions for mineral conservation, reclamation, and enforcement
- City and county regulations, including required local authorizations, application processes, the role of CEQA, and special rules and doctrines governing pre-existing or nonconforming surface mines
- Environmental regulation of surface mining, including air quality requirements, water quality regulations, federal and state laws on wetlands and endangered species, and handling of hazardous materials

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