

January 15, 2016

**Statement by Sol Henson, President, San Juan Ridge Taxpayers Association**

The Nevada County Planning Dept. has notified the San Juan Mining Corporation that it has until March 1, 2016 to begin the well monitoring program anew or have the application to re-open the San Juan Ridge Mine closed. County staff wrote in a letter dated December 15, "If a meeting has not occurred prior to March 1, 2016 and a strategy/schedule for gathering the baseline data has not progressed we will consider the application withdrawn and will close the permit application." Click [here](#) to see the letter in its entirety.

SJRTA sees this development as an inevitable action on a proposed mine project that has all but gone quiet since the well-monitoring program was halted in March 2014—after only six months of testing had taken place. We commend the County for their action and are encouraged by the possibility that this burden can finally be lifted from the San Juan Ridge community.

Please sign [our online petition](#) to let the County know we are watching, and expect the March 1 deadline for closing the application to be a firm one. The mine operator was already granted a 6 month grace period in order to determine how he wanted to proceed and we want to be clear that further delays are not in the best interest of the community.

Many thanks to all who have supported this effort. We look forward to the closure of this proposed mine project and to the development of an alternative vision and use for the North Columbia Diggings land. We'll keep you informed of County actions and how you can participate in the future.