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## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Inyo County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 31, at 10:00 am in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, to consider the following project:

**Amendment to Reclamation Plan 97-6 Independence MS#118  
California Department of Transportation**

The applicant has applied for an amendment to Reclamation Plan 97-6 with permission from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a minor revision of the condition of approval #20, abandoning the well, in the approved plan at the Independence Pit MS #118. Caltrans assumes the well has been removed while their contractor Skanska was operating at the site, but they cannot confirm this. Inyo County, Caltrans, and BLM agree Caltrans is responsible for the well and its proper abandonment. Inyo County and BLM are willing to forgo efforts to locate and abandon the well at this time, with the Planning Commission's approval, with the requirement for Caltrans to enter into a Statement of Responsibility to properly abandon the well if discovered. Upon approval, Caltrans can finalize the reclamation requirements and the mine identification number can be retired. The project is Exempt from CEQA.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application should appear at the public hearing or submit written correspondence to the Inyo County Planning Department (via email at [inyoplanning@inyocounty.us](mailto:inyoplanning@inyocounty.us); via fax at 760-878-0382; via U.S. mail at P.O. Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526). Project information & materials are available on the Planning Department website at [www.inyoplanning.org](http://www.inyoplanning.org) under "Current Projects." If there are general questions regarding this project, please contact the Inyo County Planning Department at 760-878-0263.