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MINERAL KING MINING DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS AND BY-LAWS

At a meeting of the miners of Mineral King Mining District, situated in Tulare County, State of California, called in pursuance of notice on the 4th day of September, A.D. 1873, the following preamble, by-laws, rules and regulations were unanimously adopted:

Preamble:

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, believing it morally just, and knowing it legally right to protect the pioneers of all new mining localities in the rights granted them by Act of Congress, dated May 10th, D. C. 1872, have and do hereby unanimously adopt the following by-laws, rules and regulations:

By-Laws:

Article 1st — Sec. 1st. This district shall be known by the name of the Mineral King Mining District.

Article 2nd — Its boundaries shall be as follows: commencing at a point in Tulare County, State of California, where Hockett's trail crosses Little or West Kern River, running from thence east to the center of the dividing ridge between the water of Little, or West, and Big Kern Rivers; from thence along said ridge in a northerly direction to the point or ridge that divides the waters of the South Kings River and North Kaweah; from thence westerly along said divide fifteen miles; thence southerly to the point where the said Hockett's trail crosses the South Kaweah; thence easterly along said trail to the place of beginning.

Article 3rd — This district shall elect at each annual meeting to be held on the last Saturday in the month of July of each year, a District Recorder, whose duty it shall be to file all notices of mining locations within said district, and record in a book of records kept for the purpose all locations, when notified by the holder of said claim that a mineral-bearing lode or vein has been found within the boundaries of said location. He shall also give to the locator a certificate of filing at the time of said filing of notice certifying therein the day and date of filing. He shall reside and keep his book of records within the boundaries of the district during all portions of the year suitable for the location of mining claims.

Article 4th — Said Recorder shall receive the sum of five dollars for filing notice, giving certificate and recording location, which shall be paid by the locator at the same time of applying for certificate of filing.

Article 5th — The Recorder's book shall be open for the perusal of all prospectors, locators and miners within the district, but shall not pass out of his possession until

his successor shall be elected, when he shall deliver into his successor's hands all books, papers and documents belonging to his office, upon receiving from his successor the purchase money for all books which may be less than one-half filled with records.

Article 6th— It shall be the duty of the District Recorder to post notices in two or more prominent, conspicuous and frequented places within the mining location of said district, for at least 10 days prior to each successive annual meeting notifying the miners of said district of the time and place where meeting shall be held.

Article 7th — It shall be the duty of the Recorder to post notices, as aforesaid in Article 6th, upon the call of any regular meeting. A call for a regular meeting, aside from the annual meeting, shall consist of the request of five (5) or more miners living within said Mineral King District who are known by the Recorder to be owners or part owners in five different claims which have been located and recorded; and such notices shall set forth in plain language the purpose or purposes for which such meeting is called. It shall also be the duty of the District Recorder to be present in person, whether regular, special or annual; and he shall keep a record of all such meetings, and their acts, resolutions, and etc., in a book provided for the purpose.

Article 8th — All meetings shall be considered regular, and their acts binding upon the miners of said district, which have been called in accordance with Article 7th of these laws.

SECTION 2nd

Article 1st — A claim in Mineral King Mining District shall consist of a parallelogram on the surface, of one thousand five hundred feet in length along the lode; or vein, by six hundred feet in width; and any piece of ground held for mining purposes within said district, less in extent than aforesaid parallelogram shall be considered a fractional claim, but each and every location of mining grounds or claims within said district shall be entitled to lateral surface ground, extending three hundred feet upon each or either side of the center of the mineral lode or vein located.

Article 2nd — All persons locating claims within this district on lodes or veins shall, to make them valid, file a notice of locations with the Recorder of said district within 10 days after locating, taking of the Recorder a certificate of such filing, and in all other respects he shall comply with the requirements of the United States mining laws and requirements thereunder, as approved by Congress, May 10, A. D. 1072, and found on page 7 of said laws under the head of "The Manner of Locating Claims on Veins or Lodes."

Article 3rd — All regulations, by-laws and resolutions of this district may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote at any regular or annual meeting, except articles one, two, and three of section two, relating to claims, and said article shall

not by the acts or vote of any meeting, whether annual, regular, or special, be in any way changed so as to restrict or cut down the size of claims on lodes or veins located within this district, whether as to length or breadth.

SECTION 3rd — RESOLUTIONS

Resolved; That we who have periled our lives and property in prospecting for and locating mineral lodes within said district, will put forth our best efforts to maintain our interests and the interests of this district.

Resolved: That these by-laws, rules and regulations be published in the Visalia Delta for four successive issues.

J. P. Ford
James A. Crabtree
S. Beldon
Asahel Loop
Sewell L. Goodhue
Marcus D, Sinn

(At a special meeting of miners of Mineral King Mining District, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1874, the following additions or amendments to the Local Laws, Rules, and Regulations of said District became, by majority vote, Sections and Articles of the By-Laws of said District.)

SECTION 4th — Assessments

Article 1st — Moved and carried that the recorder of said district be, and is hereby requested to ask for, and if practical obtain judicial authority to administer legal oaths, affirmations or affidavits as to labor performed or improvements made on mining or milling claims situated in the Mineral King Mining District.

Article 2nd — Moved and carried that all claim holders in said District, through some one or more of their company, shall to make their claim valid, make oath or affidavit before some person duly authorized, that the required amount of assessment labor has been performed, or improvements made on said claim, and file a copy of said oath or affidavit with the proper Recorder of the District; whereupon the Recorder shall at an expense to the applicant of a sum not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00) for each claim record the same in a book kept for him for that purpose.

Article 3rd — Moved and carried that a failure to comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Section 4 of these By-laws, shall be prima facia evidence that the law has not been complied with, and the claim shall be open for relocation, the same as though no previous location had existed; and vice versa, a compliance with the foregoing Article 2nd of Section 4, shall be considered prima facia evidence in case of relocation that the required amount of assessment labor has been performed, and the original title remains valid.

Resolved, that the editors of the Weekly Times and Visalia Delta be and are hereby respectfully requested to publish the foregoing for at least two successive issues of their respective papers.

Moved and carried to adjourn,

P. Chamberlain, Chairman
J. P. Ford, Secretary of Meeting

Meeting of Miners (regular meeting) of Mineral King Mining District, the following preamble and resolutions became part and parcel of the local laws of said District, to take effect on and after passage of the same, June 8, 1875.

Whereas, Mineral King Mining District affords meager or scant forage for the horses or beasts of burden necessarily employed in developing said District:

Be it resolved, that no person or persons whomsoever shall be allowed to feed any herd or loose cattle, horses, mules, jacks, jennets, sheep, goats, hogs or any other stock of whatsoever kind upon the grasses of said mining district within certain limits hereafter mentioned except such as the following, namely every male citizen, visitor or prospector twelve years of age, may let run at large one riding animal and one pack animal, and every lady resident or lady visitor who keeps a riding animal for her own use shall have the privilege of letting such animal run at large, and every person or company that keeps a pack train of animals for the purpose of freighting supplies into said district shall be privileged to let such animals run at large for two nights and one day after unloading in such district, and no longer, and all persons who have animals constantly engaged in hauling or packing logs, lumber, ore or coal to carry on the necessary business of the district, shall have the privilege of letting such animals run at large during the necessary times of feeding and recuperation.

Be it further resolved, that the prescribed limits heretofore spoken of shall include all that portion of Mineral King Mining District lying east of a line drawn 24 degrees west, and south 24 degrees east from a large granite boulder, which is to be found a few rods west of the Salt Grass Lode and immediately, on the north side of the trail leading from Harry's Bend to Silver City and near the east line of Jas. E. Cains mill site. The south line of said limitation shall be the east line of said district as laid down in printed by-laws, and the north line of limitations shall be an east and west line drawn through the northern extremity of what is known as Deer Canyon.

And be it further resolved, that we, the miners of Mineral King Mining District in regular meetings assembled, will jointly and severally use all fair and honorable means to protect ourselves in these our just rights, before resorting to any compulsory measures.

Be it further resolved, that if fair notice and mild measure fail to protect us in these our God given rights, then will we protect ourselves by the power vested in us as American citizens and miners of Mineral King.

Moved and carried that the Secretary, J. P. Ford, be and is hereby requested to forward a copy of this foregoing resolution to the editor of the Tulare Weekly Times or Visalia Delta, respectfully asking publication of the same.

Wiley Watson, Chairman J. P. Ford, Secretary

July 30, 1880

The following resolution was moved and carried:

That the Recorder is hereby empowered to appoint a deputy, and in the case of death or resignation of the Recorder, said deputy shall within ten days from such death or resignation, call a special election to fill the vacancy, and-provided such deputy shall act as Recorder until one is duly elected and qualified; also provided that said Recorder's bondsmen be responsible for the action of his deputy.

George McLain Carrington
Secretary and Recorder of Said District