



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Nick Sandberg, County Public Lands Coordinator

TITLE: Lisbon Valley Mine Plan Modification Comment Letter

RECOMMENDATION: Make a motion to approve comment letter

SUMMARY

Lisbon Valley Mine proposes modifications to its mine plan of operation with reopening of mining operations. Modifications would continue open pit mining with heap leach pad, solvent extraction and electrowinning process (electro-extraction). Total mining disturbance would be 917 acres which is 315 acres less than approved in the 2016 mine plan modification. Fewer disturbed acres is due to optimal pit planning and the ability to dispose of more mine waste during pit backfilling.

The proposed modification is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the San Juan County Master Plan and Resource Management Plan as well as being consistent with the Utah Energy Zone Amendments of 2015.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

NA

FISCAL IMPACT

Continued mining operations would benefit the County through tax revenues and local employment at the mine.