



February 15, 2023

Evan Melby
Evan L. Melby, Inc.
P.O. Box 4159
Ventura, CA 93007

Re: Pit 1 - File No. M-1999-073, Evan L. Melby, Inc., Surety Release Request (SL-1) Full/Final Release Request

Dear Evan Melby:

On February 15, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on January 23, 2023.

I am pleased to inform you that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety elected to release Evan L. Melby, Inc. from further responsibility for the Pit 1. This site is released in its entirety. You should advise the issuer of your bond of this release by copy of this letter. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty and Financial Warrant(ies) on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division. The Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Division staff wish to commend Evan L. Melby, Inc. for your reclamation efforts and the resulting success.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (303) 866-3567 x 8187, or by email at Lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. West
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Travis Marshall, DRMS
Darlene Melby

