

## KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

At a meeting of miners held on the 21st, of August 1865 held at Sackett's Rancho in Township No. 2, Tulare County, State of California, pursuant to notice, for the purpose of adopting laws for a mining district and the formation of the same, A. F. Andrews was called to the chair and was elected Secretary. The Chair stated the object of the meeting and on motion of Mr. Bartell a committee of three was chosen consisting of A. Medburn, W. Welch and Mr. Frazer were appointed a committee to report a code of laws for the mining district. The meeting took a recess for thirty minutes when upon the assembling of the meeting the committee made the following report;

## SECTION 11.

This district shall be known as the Valley View District and shall be bounded as follows.

On the west by Kern River and north by South Fork of Kern river and east and south by the range of mountains south of Hot Springs.

## SECTION 12.

A claim in this district shall consist of three hundred feet upon a quartz lode, to be computed by linear measurement and no person shall own more than one claim by location on any single quartz lode, but any person or persons discovering a quartz lode shall be entitled to one extra claim for discovery.

## SECTION 13.

Any person or persons locating a quartz lode shall post a notice on the same stating particularly the name of the ledge, the amount claimed the names of the locators and the date of location and shall within twenty

days from the date of the notice have the same filed for record with the District Recorder and all notices and records shall date from the time of filing the same.

#### SECTION IV.

Within six months from the date of the location of any claim there shall be work done upon each and every claim the discovery claim excepted work to the amount of two feet in depth for each claim said work to be done in one or more plans at the option of the owner or owners and any work done by tunnel cut or trench may apply in the same manner for said work upon the said amount of work being done it shall hold the location good for one year, from the date of said location fifty dollars worth of work for each claim the same being duly recorded in the books of the District Recorder shall give the owner or owners permanent title to their claims.

#### SECTION V.

Any location shall hold all the dips spurs and angles and variations for one hundred feet on each side of the lode or ledge located.

#### SECTION VI.

The Recorder shall be elected by the miners of the District who shall hold the office for the term of one year and an annual election shall be held on the 21st, day of August in each year for the election of a Recorder. The Recorders books shall be kept in well bound books a faithful record of the laws adopted.

The proceeding of all miners meetings and make all records required by the laws of the district and shall receive for his services the sum of fifty cents for each name in locating claims and for other Record such fees as are allowed by law to the County Recorder of Tulare County. He shall be allowed to appoint a deputy or deputies for whose acts he shall be responsible.

## SECTION VII.

All records shall be subject to the inspection of the miners at any time and all books of records shall be the property of the miners and shall be turned over by each Recorder to his successor.

## SECTION VIII.

The laws may be altered at any time by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the miners called for that purpose after giving thirty days notice of said meeting by posting notices in three conspicuous places in the district.

## SECTIONS IX.

No Chinaman or Mongolian shall hold a claim in this district. On motion the laws were adopted .  
On Motion Jasper Dodson was elected District Recorder for the ensuing year. On motion the Recorder was instructed to forward a copy of the laws to Visalia for publication. On motion the meeting adjourned sine die.

Signed A. F. ANDREWS      Pres.

U. BARTLETT              Sec.

I certify that the above is a correct transcript of the regulations of "Valley View Mining District, Kern Co. California made by me this 28th, day of July 1881,

from a book which purports to be the record of said District. The late Recorder U. F. Andrews being dead no action has been taken to fill his place and hence no person in the District is qualified to certify.

E. A. SMITH,

U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor.

District for California.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
City and County of San Francisco, ) SS.

On this 31st, day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty one before me.

Theo. Reichert a U. S. Commissioner in and for the City and County of San Francisco, personally appeared E. A. Smith personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

THEO. REICHERT,

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U. S. Commissioner.

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