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### **CEA Job Opportunity: Fundraising Director**

Following our recent success in defeating the proposed reopening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine and receiving the 2025 Anthony Grassroots Environmental Prize, CEA Foundation is looking to build a sustainable organizational structure to meet the future. To that end, we are seeking a part-time Fundraising Director to help establish a robust fundraising program. The ideal candidate is someone with experience in non-profit development, fundraising or donor relations, and who is interested in what we do!

This is a part-time independent contractor position and compensation rate will be determined based on experience. To apply, please submit a resume and brief cover letter to [gmgr@cea-nc.org](mailto:gmgr@cea-nc.org).

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### **Dorsey Marketplace Permit Expired!**

As you may remember, at the beginning of December, the City Council of Grass Valley held a hearing about Resolution No. 2025-51 regarding the Dorsey Marketplace Project to add a condition of approval that would allow a phasing plan over a seven-year period. CEA noticed that the the original Use Permit was likely expired. After raising this concern with the City with no response, and then conducting a further review, we asked our attorneys to review the permit in the context of the City's Development Code. They concurred that the permit was expired.

After CEA submitted a letter from our attorneys to the City with its [findings](#), the item was rescheduled for the next City Council meeting on Tuesday January 13, 2026 to allow time for review by the City attorney.

On January 8 the City attorney agreed with the Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger analysis that the Use Permit is expired. The developer will need to apply for a new permit to allow any work to begin at the site.

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## **CWA Lawsuit Update**

The lawsuit against Rise Gold continues to slowly wind its way through the judicial process with little substantive progress made since the last newsletter.

### **Recap:**

- CEA called for Rise Grass Valley Inc. (Rise Gold) to get a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, as required by the Clean Water Act, to address the polluted water discharges from the tunnels that drain the Idaho-Maryland Mine and flow into Wolf Creek.
- After failed negotiations, CEA filed a lawsuit on December 20, 2024 to compel Rise Gold to complete this simple step as required by law, which is the first step in the permitting process for remediating the problem.
- In Spring 2025, Rise Gold and CEA agreed to pursue a Summary Judgement rather than going to formal trial, which means the parties will file the arguments in written form to be reviewed by a judge to avoid an expensive trial. Rise did not promptly respond to some aspects of this agreement.

### **Update:**

- On December 1, 2025 CEA served Rise with "Requests for Admission." This legal instrument required Rise to directly admit or deny certain basic facts that will be relevant to both our motion for Summary Judgment or at trial, if we end up there. The request essentially compelled Rise to respond to a list of facts about the case, with the caveat that if they do not, they lose some of their ability to present challenging evidence on their own behalf in a Summary Judgement proceeding or a trial. Rise Gold responses were received.
- CEA is currently responding to information requests from Rise. The expectation is to reach a determination on the case this spring.

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## **Idaho-Maryland Mine Vested Rights Case Update**

### **Recap:**

- The Nevada County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to deny Rise Gold's claim of vested rights on Dec 14, 2023.
- On Feb 16, 2024 they unanimously voted to deny Rise Gold's application for a Use Permit to open the mine and denied certification of the Environmental Impact Report.
- Rise Filed a lawsuit on May 10, 2024, claiming "bias" by the county and seeking to overturn both decisions. The massive records for the case (59,000 pages) were assembled by the County and submitted in November of 2024.

### **Update:**

The case is scheduled to begin March 6, 2026 in Nevada County Superior Court, Department 6 at 10:00 AM. The public is allowed to attend the court hearing.

CEA Foundation has published [a press release analyzing the case](#) (published by The Union on December 31, 2025), [a newsletter that explains the case and summarizes the briefs](#) from both sides (December 18, 2025), and an analysis concerning the false narrative that Rise Gold has maintained about their [Vested Rights Claims](#) (November 4, 2025).

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## **Empire Mine Community Assessment Project**

One of CEA's community partners, Wolf Creek Community Alliance, was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant from the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control to look at efforts undertaken within the Empire Mine State Historic Park to see if historic mine contamination has been cleaned up to adequate levels to protect human health and the environment. The grant allowed WCCA to contract a group of Technical Advisors with experience working on mine remediation, soil and water quality monitoring, toxicology, and community advocacy related to mine contamination clean-up.

WCCA will be hosting community meetings every other month to provide residents a chance to learn about the assessment and discuss findings with Technical Advisors. The forum will provide opportunities to influence policy and actions to reduce risk from mine contaminants, and to support public health and environmental health in Grass Valley. Wolf Creek Community Alliance welcomes community participation in this project. CEA encourages everyone to learn more about this valuable community effort and get involved. [A kick-off Virtual Community Forum](#) takes place on Tuesday, February 24, 2006 at 6:30 PM. Visit the WCCA website for [more information](#).

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