

# CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION No. 2022-13

### A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PARLEY’S CANYON MINE

**WHEREAS**, the Central Wasatch Commission (the “CWC”) is an interlocal entity formed in 2017 whose principal purpose is to better assure the wise stewardship of the Wasatch mountain range (the “*Central Wasatch*”) in Salt Lake, Summit and Wasatch counties—including its watershed, recreational areas and natural beauty—so that future generations can continue to benefit from that wonderful and integral part of Utah’s natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in or about November 2021 an application was filed with the Utah Department of Oil, Gas and Mining for a 634-acre limestone quarrying and mining operation in the area northeast of Grandeur Peak and southwest of Mount Aire, approximately two miles from the mouth of Parley’s Canyon; and

**WHEREAS**, if excavated, the proposed mine will permanently scar those mountains, leaving residents, those who visit the Central Wasatch to enjoy its natural beauty and to recreate, and wildlife with degraded mountainsides and habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed open-air mine also would result in fugitive dust emissions that would affect the near-by protected, regional watershed and neighboring reservoirs providing culinary water to at least 360,000 citizens, affect regional air quality, and otherwise diminish the quality of life in the region and pose a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Salt Lake valley and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed mine lies within the CWC’s geographical area of interest, and because core values and tenants of the CWC include preserving and protecting the critical resources of the Central Wasatch, on 7 March 2022 the CWC’s board of commissioners (the “*Board*”) met in regular session to consider, among other things, expressing opposition to the proposed mine; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the CWC and its constituents to so act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Wasatch Commission that the CWC hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed mine and encourages all governmental entities with jurisdiction over and input into the approval process for the proposed mine to act in a manner that will preserve and protect the critical resources of the Central Wasatch to the greatest extent legally possible.

This Resolution, assigned no. 2022-13, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**ATTEST:**

**CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jeff Silvestrini**, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Christopher F. Robinson**, Chair of the Board

**VOTING OF THE BOARD:**

Roger Bourke	Yea ____ Nay ____
Jim Bradley	Yea ____ Nay ____
Max Doilney	Yea ____ Nay ____
Dan Knopp	Yea ____ Nay ____
Erin Mendenhall	Yea ____ Nay ____
Christopher Robinson	Yea ____ Nay ____
Jeff Silvestrini	Yea ____ Nay ____
Michael Weichers	Yea ____ Nay ____
Jennifer Wilson	Yea ____ Nay ____
Monica Zoltanski	Yea ____ Nay ____

**DEPOSITED** in the office of the Secretary this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**FILED AND RECORDED** this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2022.