

Latest News

This first message was communicated to PLP members of record on August 17, 2016. To those who are viewing this for a second time, we apologize for the duplication.

To all PLP Members and Supporters,

The Board of Directors must inform you of the current situation we are experiencing. We were hoping to have solved this matter sooner. However, it appears this might take longer than we expected so we must inform you now of recent events. Here are the facts:

On July 14, 2016, this Board received resignation letters from four of our board members:

Ray Kender, resigned Secretary
Barry Wetherby, resigned Director
Pat Keene, resigned Director
Duane Platz, resigned Recording Secretary.

On July 21, 2016, a meeting was held at Keene Engineering, unannounced to us and to you as PLP Members, and an election was held that supposedly removed the current board members and supposedly placed Ray Kender as interim President. It appears all resigned board members were present.

On July 23, 2016 Ray Kender, without any knowledge or consent from PLP, executed various corporate documents purporting to be an authorized agent of PLP, including the filing of an updated statement of information with the California Secretary of State appointing himself as an officer, director and agent of service of process. Soon after, Mr. Kender under the self-assumed title of "President" presented falsified documentation to the bank that PLP banks with, usurping our corporate bank account. He also changed the locks on our mailbox withholding access of all PLP property from your current Board of Directors. These are acts that this Board sees as an improper exercise of corporate authority that Mr. Kender did not, and does not possess.

The current Board of Directors have taken steps to ensure that the funds of PLP are preserved by filing a corrected Statement of Information with the California Secretary of State. Unfortunately, because of Mr. Kender's actions and our attempts to regain access, PLP's bank accounts have been frozen. This jeopardizes all of our pending legal actions, including our lawsuit against the state over the suction dredge ban, our defense in deferral court of John Godfrey (cited for using a sluice box in a stream), and support for the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) and our newest defense of a suction dredger from the EPA in Idaho.

Your Board of Directors is not only fighting for your rights, we are fighting to retain the assets from what we see as fraudulent and improper actions taken by former board members. A criminal report has been filed with the FBI to report this alleged bank fraud and intentional fraud on the State of California.

Your board is an all-volunteer board and we are proud of the progress that PLP has made in the past. We will continue to fight on your behalf in the future! We will give you updates as soon as possible.

Please note our new mailing address:

Public Lands for the People
23501 Burbank Bl.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Thank you,
Public Lands for the People

President, Ron Kliewer
Vice President, Jerry Shodall
Treasurer, Walt Wegner
Director, Bill Samarin
Director/ Raffle Chair, Timothy Eakin

GOLD & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

August 20-21, 2016

PLP President Ron Kliewer, Vice President Jerry Shodall, and Board Member Timothy Eakin represented PLP at the 3rd Annual Delta Gold Diggers Gold & Outdoor Festival August 21-22 in Sonora, CA. This successful, well run event featured several prospecting organizations and vendors in interest including MMAC, who held speaking engagements in the conference center that focused on the growth of the Mining Districts.

A well-organized event such as this was the result of the tireless efforts from all the helpful volunteers who made this show such a success. We would like to thank Terry and Debbie Moore and all the Gold Diggers for their help in the PLP booth, and PLP would also like to thank Robert Guardiola and the Delta Gold Diggers for generously donating the entire proceeds of the show raffle to PLP. We are very thankful to have this type of support from the community.

RINEHART DECISION

August 22, 2016

(Portions reprinted with permission of Scott Harn, Editor, ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal)

On August 22, 2016, the California Supreme Court ruled against Brandon Rinehart, concluding that federal mining law does not preempt state "police powers" in regard to the moratorium California placed on suction gold dredging under the guise of environmental protection.

In a unanimous opinion, the court narrowly interpreted previous court rulings that should have favored the miner in this case. And what was not addressed is the bogus "science" the State of California relied upon when they created the moratorium.

Even if the California Supreme Court had ruled in favor of Rinehart, suction dredge miners would be facing the wrath of the State Water Resources Control Board, the unelected agency that was recently placed in charge of suction gold dredge permitting by the state legislature. The board has made no real effort to hide their intentions, which is to make the restrictions so difficult that miners will give up rather than deal with the permitting requirements.

Full text of the [Rinehart Decision](#)

PLP feels the solution to these regulatory problems is to get your traditional Mining Districts organized. A functioning Mining District creates a jurisdictional problem for these agencies. The districts were created long before these regulations and restrictions from state and federal agencies were put in place. Mining Districts have power that has gone untapped for too long. For more information, please navigate to mmacusa.org.

Thank you for your continued support,
Ron Kliewer,
President
Public Lands for the People