

Resolution No. [2023-02]

A Resolution of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College Board Regarding the Potential Establishment of an Off-Site Training and Remote Operations Center by South 32 along the I-19 Corridor in Santa Cruz County

WHEREAS, South32, an Australia based mining company has expressed interest in establishing an off-site training and remote operations center along the I-19 Corridor for its mining operations; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of such a facility offers the potential to contribute to the County's economic and workforce development goals by creating job opportunities, stimulating local economic activity, and promoting STEM Education to support local business and industry; and

WHEREAS, the College Board recognizes the importance of community engagement and transparency in addressing concerns related to siting and compatibility of the proposed center within the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the College Board acknowledges community concerns related to the proposed mining project and the need to carefully evaluate potential benefits and adverse impacts of the project; and

WHEREAS, the planning and development of these off-site facilities will require significant resources to develop training programs to support South32's proposed mining operation; and

WHEREAS, the College Board seeks to strike a balance between supporting higher education and economic growth while respecting the health, safety, and values of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College Board that if South32 receives all required permits to develop the Hermosa Mine that the Corporation actively engage all stockholders in siting the training and remote operations center in Santa Cruz County and specifically work with the Provisional Community College to develop the curriculum to train and employ area resident.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED, this [November 29, 2023] by the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College Board.