

Lake Elsinore: Hearing on Lake Elsinore mining rescheduled

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A state agency's hearing on mining issues in Lake Elsinore that was scheduled in mid-April has been postponed until May, officials announced this week.

Representatives of the State Mining and Geology Board said the panel couldn't get at least three of its five members to the meeting that had been planned for April 14 in Lake Elsinore.

The meeting instead will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 12 in the Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center, 183 N. Main St.

The state board in late December sent the city a notice that it had 45 days to correct alleged deficiencies in ensuring that surface mining for clay, sand and gravel in northern Lake Elsinore is performed properly.

The city, with guidance from a consultant, crafted a response to the allegations and forwarded them to the agency, which then scheduled the hearing.

The board's executive officer is expected to release his analysis of the city's response before the hearing.