

Surface Mining and Reclamation Act Lead Agencies in California Fees Charged - 2014								
Lead Agency	Mines	Use Consultants	Admin Fees	Basis - fixed or hourly	Annual Inspection Fee?	Basis - fixed or hourly	Average Cost for Admin & Compliance	Notes or Comments
Boards or Commissions -2								
State Mining & Geology Board	49	No	\$5,110.00	Fixed	Yes	Hourly	The cost for inspections is approximately \$2,100 per site depending on location and complexity.	
San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission (County)	SMGB serves as Lead Agency							
County Lead Agencies - 58 total Counties including those where SMGB serves as Lead Agency. 32 respondents.								
Alameda County	10	Yes & No	\$0.075/ton	Plus Hourly	Included in Fee	Fixed	The County charges an annual tonnage based fee (\$.075/ton) for SMARA and Surface Mining Ordinance (SMO) Program administration per the SMO. The Admin Fee covers SMARA Annual Inspection, FACE Review, FAM Review and SMP Conditions of Approval Review as well as general administration related to all Quarries. Quarry specific issues, permit applications, revisions, amendments and SMARA or SMO compliance including Surface Mining Permit periodic reviews are charged to the Operator at cost on a fee for service basis. Quarries that are in Reclamation, Idle, non-producing or who's annual tonnage based admin fee is less than the cost of their administration pay on a fee for service basis less the amount of their tonnage fee if paid.	
Alpine County	SMGB Serves as Lead Agency							
Butte County	23	No	\$2,923.41 (Active & Idle Mines); \$1,461.71 (Newly Permitted)	Fixed - Minimum	Included in Administration Fee	Fixed - Minimum	\$2,923.41	Amount is based on 17 hours of staff time. Additional fees are charged for work over 17 hours.
Calaveras County	19	No	\$148.00	Fixed	Yes	Hourly	The cost for inspections is approximately \$235.00 per site.	The fees we charge do not cover our full costs.
Colusa County	3	No	\$0.00	Fixed plus hourly if necessary	\$450	Fixed based on Hourly rate and average hours worked	The cost for inspections is approximately \$450.00, but can be more if additional hours are needed	
Del Norte County	10	No	Fixed	See Average Column	Yes	Fixed by B.O.S.	Inspection & review fee is established by Board of Supervisors on 5 yr. basis and is an average of costs to administer SMARA Program. Currently \$290.00 for review and \$700.00 for inspection.	
El Dorado County	SMGB Serves as Lead Agency							

Glenn County	13	No	\$0.05/ton	Fixed	No	Fixed	Average is \$1,500/site	
Humboldt County	71	No	Avg. \$172.00 per site	Time & Materials		&72.57/hour (Hourly burdened rate)	Administration fees refer to program management and does not include annual inspection fees.	
Lake County	12 rock and gravel	no			\$634.00	fixed		
	1 closed gold mine	no			\$2,530.00			
Mendocino County	34	Part Time	N/A	Fixed	Yes, \$1125	Fixed x Term of Permit	The County currently uses consultants on a part time basis- no fee established as an Admin Amount.	
Monterey County	16	yes	\$3,227.00	Fixed	No	Fixed	Fee covers all SMARA compliance activities	
Nevada County	12	For Inspections	\$129.54	Hourly	\$129.54	Hourly	\$1,619.25 Idle Operations	
							\$1,943.10 for Active Operatons	
Orange County	5	No	\$3,750.00	Fixed	Yes	Fixed	Varies from \$2,100.00 to over \$5,000.00 Based on complex Mine Geology	
Placer County	9	See Average Costs - Column H			yes	\$2,028.00	As of 2010, County charged \$2,028.00 for active surface mining operation each year to review cost estimates, financial assurances, interim management plans, and to conduct inspections. Mines that are permitted but have not commenced activities pay \$531.00 annually. Fees adjusted annually based on State of CA Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.	
Riverside County	52	No	\$0.00	N/A	\$2900 - \$3599	Initial Deposit with hourly charge if required beyond the initial deposit		
Sacramento County	27		See Notes - Column I	NA	Yes	Hourly	Do not charge an administrative fee but pursuant to a funding MOU with our major producers we agreed to attempt such a fee this year for mines that do not participate in the MOU. The MOU allows us to bill the participants for administrative duties not charged as part of SMARA inspections which we do bill for on an hourly basis. The MOU also lets us bill for any work the producers need done such as pre-application meetings, research and entitlement work. Typical admin work would be training, CalCIMA participation, LART responses and other OMR issues, public inquiries, zoning code updates, file management, weekly meetings, etc. We are proud of the MOU and our producers are happy to have me on call at all times. I work on other assignments too but aggregates always take priority pursuant to the MOU. The inspection process usually costs from \$500 to \$2,500 depending on the complexity. Of course this year the costs are higher with the new form.	
San Bernardino County	92 est.	Yes				Hourly		Work Completed and charged per hour. Costs are running about 50% more than the fee schedule in 2013 primarily due to the new form.
San Diego County	23	No	\$3,500.00	Hourly	Yes	Hourly	Hourly charges at \$209/hr.	

San Luis Obispo County	37	No	\$1,003-\$2,315	Fixed	No	Fixed	Range \$1,003 - \$2,315 (fixed fee is a combined annual inspection fee that also includes our administrative costs)	
Shasta County	35	No	Active \$708.69	Fixed	No	Sliding Scale	Annual Production Fee on sliding scale.	
			Idle \$383.25				\$82.44 to \$6,846.04 (aggregates)	
Sierra County	8	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	Currently attempting to develop a "fair" fee system for SMARA Compliance Monitoring	
Siskiyou County	38	No	\$2,000.00	Fixed	No	Fixed	\$2,000	
Solano County	8	No	na	na	\$894.00	Fixed		
Sonoma County	23 sites		Yes	Percentage of site specific charges for each operation	Yes	Hourly	Not Provided	23 total sites and 13 operators. Annual Aggregate Road Fee is also charged at \$0.10/ton for specific haul routes. Note: County's Aggregate Resource Management Plan requires quarries to be inspected every 90 days, terrace mines every 60 days and instream mines every 30 days.
Sutter County	7	No	NR	NR	Yes	Hourly	Sutter County charges for mine inspections based on an hourly rate. Approx. \$150.00 per hour.	
Trinity County	13	No	none	\$800.00	No	fixed	inspection fee covers inspections, annual review of FACE and routine correspondence with compliant mines.	
Tulare County	28	No	\$500.00	Fixed	Yes	Fixed	The cost of inspection and admin is currently \$500	The County is currently reevaluating fees.
Tuolumne County	8	No	No	N/A	Yes	Fixed	<50 acres = \$573.75	
							>50 acres = \$749.25	
Ventura County	13	No	\$155.00	Hourly	\$155	Hourly	Hourly charges at \$155/hr.	
Yolo County	7	No	Varies	Other (see notes)	No	Other (See notes)	Approximately \$2,500 per site, depending on complexity and outstanding issues.	The County does not charge a direct fee for inspections. We have a fee ordinance in place that requires operators to pay a certain percentage for each ton sold. Currently, the fee is set at \$0.489 per ton (amount increases annually at a rate of 4%). Of this \$0.489 per ton, approximately \$0.08 (called the Off-Channel Administration Fee) goes directly to a fund to administer the Off-Channel Mining Program. The cost for administering inspections and related activities are paid for from this fund.
Yuba County	SMGB Serves as Lead Agency							
City Lead Agencies - 43 (includes those Cities that share responsibility) - 22 respondents								
City of Apple Valley	1	No	No	N/A	\$477.00	Fixed	\$477	
City of Azusa	3	no administrative fee		Yes	Fixed	See notes	\$4,570.00 for inspection and \$2,390.00 for FACE verification per site. Total: \$6,960.00	
City of Bakersfield	0	No active mines in City						

City of Barstow	1	No	No		Yes	Fixed	The cost for inspections is approximately \$450 per site depending on location and complexity. Prior to 2009 was time and material.	Most of the administration/monitoring of the site is handled at the time of the annual inspection. Any amendments to mining plan, expansion or financial assurance is handled under the conditional use permit process.
City of Corona	3	NR	Application Fees	Acreage based	\$4,030.00 + \$38.00 scanning fee	Fixed		
City of Fremont	2	Yes	N/A	Partial	N/A	Hourly	Approximately \$20,000 per site.	
City of Fresno	1	None			None	NA	City of Fresno has no fees for mine inspections and has not imposed a fee for revising financial security amounts periodically. (However, the City has originated and administered only one (1) fifteen-acre (15-acre) mining operation in all these years....). Have conditional use permit and CEQA fees which would apply to new and amended mining applications and revised exhibits for them.	
City of Hayward	0	No longer have, nor have had for several years, an active quarry operation in Hayward.						
City of Highland	City of Redlands serves as Lead Agency for City of Highlands per agreement. Existing operations cross city boundaries.							
City of Irwindale	7		Standard Permit Application Fees plus General Mine Excavation Tax @ \$0.2619/ton; Special Mine Excavation Tax @ \$0.3201/ton General Mine Processing Tax @ \$.1310/ton and Special Mine Processing Tax @ \$0.1598/ton Total of \$0.8728/ton				Information obtained from City website.	General Tax revenues placed in General Fund. Special Tax revenues placed in Mine Impact Fund for financing the costs of studying, quantifying, analyzing, monitoring, administering, correcting and mitigating negative environmental impacts from mining and processing. Municipal Code Secs. 3.18.030 - 3.18.050
City of Lake Elsinore	4	Yes	Cost	Hourly	Yes	Hourly		City Ordinance allows recovery of program fees. Average fees last three years in part due to 45 day notice from OMR and subsequent SMGB hearings.
City of Lake Forest	1		NA	NA	Yes	Lead Agency cost per LFMC Sec. 9.150.075	\$4,561.25 (2013). Fee varies.	\$3,500 Deposit Required. Cost includes inspection and review of FAE.
City of Montague	1	yes	\$1,000.00	hourly	Yes	hourly	\$1,500.00	
City of Mt. Shasta	1	no	\$0.00	na	na	na	There is currently no fee for inspection, though it takes approximately 2.5 hours per year to complete inspection and report.	

City of Oroville	1	No	\$2,822.00	Hourly	No Fee	NA	All surface mining operations require a use permit. In 2013, the City adopted new fees for full cost recovery on all use permits. The existing mine was approved before this new fee schedule was in place. Under the new fee schedule, staff will charge for all time spent on administration/inspections of the mine. In addition, all new use permits that require monitoring must maintain a running deposit of \$500 with the City for staff to work on monitoring "condition compliance."	
City of Pacifica	1	No	\$525.00	Fixed	Yes	Hourly	The cost for inspection including admin is approximately \$150.00 per hour.	
City of Redding	2	Yes	No	N/A				
City of Sacramento Community Development Dept.	1	no	\$113/hr plus 8 percent technology fee	hourly	hourly	hourly	Ranges between 3-5 hours staff time plus technology fee.	
City of San Diego	4	No	\$130.00	Hourly	\$130.00	Hourly	Average is \$2,500/site	
City of Santa Maria	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	City operates its own mine (in stream) for sand and gravel which is used for cover at City's adjacent landfill. No private mines in City	
City of Tracy	1	Yes	No	N/A	\$2,340	Fixed	Fee raised for 2013 to cover cost of new form.	
City of Twenty Nine Palms	1	No	varies	.01225/ton	yes, \$1,224.00	fixed	Granite pays the city quarterly for materials removed from the mine	Mine shows 0 production for the last two quarters
City of Vista	0	No mines in the City of Vista						