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BIOGRAPHY

STEVE C. CORTNER



Experience

Steve C. Cortner has 43 years experience in the mining, asphalt and ready mix concrete industry. Mr. Cortner has extensive operational experience and aggregate plant planning and construction oversight. Proven ability to negotiate and develop Site Plan approvals and Reclamation Plans. Extensive skills in the regulatory environment dealing in land use issues, public affairs and environmental regulation. Mr. Cortner experience extends into the California legislative procedures and is instrumental in political leadership planning and development. As the President of the California Mining Association (“CMA”) from 2002-2006, he reviewed and addressed all California mining related regulatory and legislative issues at the State Capitol level. The past 25 years Mr. Cortner has significant experience in CEQA litigation and product liability lawsuits. Additionally, Mr. Cortner has a strong background in planning, design, development, and construction oversight of aggregate, asphaltic concrete and ready mix production facilities. Mr. Cortner has served as an expert witness and given expert testimony on various mining related issues. As part of his overall consulting services, Mr. Cortner has conducted market analyses throughout California, Oregon, North Dakota and the State of Washington.

Education

Associates of Arts Degree, San Bernardino Valley College 1974
Bachelors of Science Degree, California State College San Bernardino 1978

Licenses

California State General Engineering Contractor “A” License
Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Non Active

Affiliations

President-California Mining Association (CMA), 2002-2006
Board of Directors-CMA, 2000-2006
Executive Committee-CMA, 2000-2006
Executive Committee-California Materials Association of California (CMAC) 2001-2005
Board of Directors-CMAC, 2001-2005
Board of Directors-City of Azusa Chamber of Commerce, 2000-2005
Board of Directors-Fund California Mining and Mineral Museum, 2004-2007
Board of Directors-Southern California Rock Products Association, 1993-1995
Executive Committee-Southern California Ready Mix Concrete Ass. 1993-1995

Professional Experience

2006-Present Steve Cortner Land Use Consulting, Inc. Principal
2010-Present Owner Maytown Sand & Gravel LLC
1999-2006 Vulcan Materials Company, Western Division, Vice President-Resource and Development-California, Arizona and New Mexico
1996-1999 Calmat Co, District Manager, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties
1995-1996 Oderbrecht of California, supervision and oversight of the construction of the rock processing facility for the supply of construction materials for the U.S.A.C.O.E., Seven Oaks Dam Project
1992-1995 CEMEX USA, Vice President, Property & Regulatory Affairs
1986-1992 C. L. Pharris Sand & Gravel, Inc., Vice President Property & Regulatory Affairs
1988-1992 Lytle Creek Land & Resources, Vice President Property
1972-1986 Livingston-Graham, Redlands CA, Plant Manager