

ARTICLE 16TH.

SECT. 1st. Any part or parts of these Laws shall be subject to amendment at any future time, by the qualified citizens of this District, provided as many as two-thirds of all the citizens be at the assembly for that purpose.

ARTICLE 17TH.

SECT. 1st. The Recorder shall receive \$1.00 for every claim recorded.

On motion of R. B. Sigafoose the Laws were unanimously adopted, ordered attested by the President and Secretary and placed on record.

J. H. KILBOURN, *Pres*

Attest

OREED HAYMOND, *Secy.*

EL DORADO COUNTY.—FRENCH CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

LOCAL MINING LAWS.

At a meeting of the miners of French town Dist held at French Town Nov. 12 1854 the following laws were adopted

G. H. H. FORRESTER *Chairman*

WM. B. SCHENCK *Secy.*

1. *Resolved*, that French Town Mining district shall embrace all mining land drained by French Creek from a line running from the north side of the Sugar loaf to Shingle Springs Ravine on the west and to Big Cañon on the East and from thence to its junction
2. *Resolved* that creek claims shall not exceed one hundred feet running lenthwise of the Creek, and two hundred feet across. And ravine claims shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet by two hundred feet across the ravine.
3. *Resolved* that in Hill or Coyote diggings the claim shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet square and every individual or company shall be entitled to fifty feet in width at the commencement of their tunnel and running to their claims. The first discoverer of such diggings shall be entitled to an extra claim.
4. *Resolved* that Quartz claims shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet in lenth including the dips on angles of the vein and the first discoverer is entitled to an extra claim.
5. *Resolved* that a man is entitled to hold a creek a ravine or Surface Claim and a Tunnel Claim.
6. *Resolved* that a man shall be required to work at least one of his claims once in seven days to hold them if workable except in case of sickness.
7. *Resolved* that a claim shall not be considered workable unless water can be had free of charge.
8. *Resolved* that there be a recorder elected whose duty it shall be to keep a book for recording of claims and shall be intitled to a fee of twenty five cents for each and every claim recorded and furnish his own stationery—That his books be open for inspection at all reasonable times.
9. *Resolved* that a persons title to a claim shall not be considered good unless he has staked or marked his boundry and had it recorded except he is engaged in working it.

(True copy.)

At a meeting held Jany 3rd 1858.

Resolved that Ravine flat claims be extended to 300 feet in lenth and as wide as the parties may wish provided it takes no other Ravine or Gulch.

Resolved that creek claims be extended to two hundred feet in lenth and remain the same width as in the old laws [200 ft]

JOHN ROBINSON *Chairman.*

WAL. S. DIKEMAN *Sec.*

At a meeting of the miners held on April 6, 1859.

On motion of Moses Knight seconded by L. S. Waters

The price of the recording of a claim will be fifty cents (50 cts).

(Carried).

JOS. EDWARDS *Chairman.*

A. LYNCH *Sec.*

FRENCH CREEK March 20, '63

Pursuant to motion duly given the Citizens of French Creek Mining District met at g. Baratts for the purpose of enacting a code of Laws, governing Quartz Mining— Upon motion of Mr. Barns, Jackson, Robeson was chosen chairman and H. A. Lease sect.

Upon motion of M. Barns a committee of three consisting of Isaac Grist, E. C. Barns, William Bean was appointed by the President to report boundaries and Laws governing mining in the above District upon consultation the Committee reported the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved* 1. That we adopt the old boundaries of French Town District Placer diggings for the boundaries of gold, silver, copper cinabar or any other metals or minerals that may be found in any vains or ledges.
2. That every may be entitled to one claim on each lead or vain by record and one extra for the right of discovery to the discoverer.
3. That each claim shall be three hundred feet in length including dips angles and spurs—
4. That a notice shall stand good for 20 days and after that it shall be recorded or forfeited.

5. That each one shall be required to put five dollars (\$5) worth of labor on his claim within 90 days after recording or forfeit his claim. A company may expend the amount in one place.
6. That the recording of claims shall be $\frac{25}{100}$ for each claim.
7. That a company may hold their claims by one notice in the middle there of.
8. That all claimants shall drive a stake or blaze a tree at each end of their claim or claims.

JOHN ROBINS, *President.*

H. AARON LEASE, *Secy.*

Miners meeting held at French Town Satdy Feb. 27 1875 Adopted U. S. Laws.

YUBA COUNTY.—SUCKER FLAT MINING DISTRICT.

JANUARY 22nd 1855.

The miners of Sucker Flat and vicinity met pursuant to notice for the purpose of taking into consideration the holding of claims until such time as the Excelsior Canal Co. may have completed their canal or until such time as water may be had in greater abundance and at reduced rates; proceeded to organize the meeting by electing J. Foster Pres. and C. Slack Secretary.

Moved that in consideration of the incompleteness of the present laws and that they are ill adapted to the wants of this community at the present time a committee of five be appointed to revise them.

Adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING *January 25th 1855.*

Committee Reported as follows.

Whereas at a meeting of the miners of Sucker Flat mining district called for the purpose of taking into consideration the holding of mining claims until such time as water may be procured in greater abundance and at reduced rates and whereas at said meeting the present laws of the district were found to be incomplete unintelligible and ill adapted to the wants of the mining community at the present time, therefore be it resolved that the old laws as amended in the following articles be adopted to take effect from and after the twenty-fifth day of January A. D. 1855.

ARTICLE 1. *Resolved*, that the bounds of this mining district be as follows commencing at the junction of the ravine commonly known as the Timbuctoo Ravine with the main ravine emptying into Cordanay's Bar, thence running up the main ravine to the main road, thence along the main road to the crossing of Deer Creek, thence down the creek to its mouth, thence down the river to the ravine known as the McDonald ravine, thence across the ridge to the place of starting. All places within said bounds having representatives in this meeting.

ART. 2. *Resolved*, that each claim shall consist of one hundred feet running up and down a ravine ridge or flat by one hundred and twenty feet across the same.

ART. 3. *Resolved*, that no person shall be allowed to hold more than one claim by location at any one time.

ART. 4. *Resolved*, that a recorder shall be elected to record and renew all notices of claims in this Mining District and also to record all bills of sales of claims in the same as soon after as they shall have been made and executed as shall hereinafter be provided.

ART. 5. *Resolved*, that the Recorder be entitled to the sum of fifty cents for recording a notice or bill of sale and twenty-five cents for renewing a notice.

ART. 6. *Resolved*, that any person or persons locating a claim or claims shall have the same recorded within ten days after such location and if a company the name of each member of the co. shall be signed to the notice and also to the record either personally or by accordance with a verbal order.

ART. 7. *Resolved*, that all persons having claims shall be entitled to hold the same by one renewal until the first day of May next except as hereinafter made and provided.

ART. 8. *Resolved*, that from and after the first day of May next all claims shall be renewed by notice and also by record once every thirty days except that they be occupied by permanent tools to the amount of Fifty dollars or that actual work is being done on the same.

ART. 9. *Resolved*, that all claims shall be staked out within ten days after location whether by record or otherwise.

ART. 10. *Resolved*, that any person or persons who may purchase a claim or claims from a bona fide holder shall be entitled to hold the same.

ART. 11. *Resolved*, that all transfers of claims shall be recorded within ten days after the same.

ART. 12. *Resolved*, that when a company shall hold ten or more claims the working of one shall be deemed sufficient to hold the whole provided that if separated a notice be kept upon the remainder stating the same.

ART. 13. *Resolved*, that any person who shall be permitted by sickness from working or renewing his claim shall not for that reason forfeit the same.

ART. 14. *Resolved*, that all laws heretofore existing having reference to this Mining district which may conflict with any of the foregoing be and are hereby repealed.

ART. 15. *Resolved*, that nothing contained in the foregoing articles shall be so construed as to conflict with the rights of miners holding claims under the former laws of this district

J. FOSTER
J. MULLIN
Mr. RILEY
J. D. HALL.
S. MURPHY

Committee

JAN 25th 1855.

At a meeting of the miners of Sucker Flat held Dec 31, 1855, The following additional laws were adopted.

1st. That individuals or companies holding claims immediately along side of or adjoining flumes in opening the same shall have the privilege of running along side of same keeping a proper distance so as not to injure or endanger the flume 18 boxes until he or they have worked into his or their own ground sufficient to set in 18 boxes after which time the first 18 boxes shall be removed and placed so as to empty into the head of the flume or some convenient point provided he or they shall at no time have less than 18 boxes on his own ground.