

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 bleze 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.

2nd. That individuals or companies holding upper or back claims whose convenience requires an outlet through claims below, they shall notify the owners of claims below them who shall in a reasonable time proceed to cut an outlet in which case the upper claim holder shall have the privilege of placing 20 boxes in said cut or outlet, the upper claim holders cutting their own part of the same & after the tailings and water pass through said 20 boxes the same shall be the property of those owning the ground and putting in the cut. Provided that at such time as the owners of the ground where the 20 boxes is set may wish to work the same nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the working of the same.

3rd. That in case the owners or claim-holders shall refuse to make the cut or outlet as described in resolution 2d then the upper holders shall have the privilege of making the same in a good substantial manner (the parties making to have and own the same) The dirt or gold taken out of the cut to recur to the owner of the ground through which the same may pass.

4th. That all disputes & litigations that may occur in the district shall be settled by arbitration each party selecting two and the four the fifth whose decision shall be final which we pledge ourselves to maintain

5th. That a committee of two be appointed to wait on Mr. Snyder the ex Recorder and procure the Books. They to be handed over to the Recorder elect and that the additional laws part of the minutes of Dec 31st 1855 be recorded

S. W. LADON, *Pres.*  
G. WHITNEY, *Sec't.*

MINUTES OF A MINERS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10 A. D. 1868.

Persuant to notice a large meeting of the miners of the Sucker Flat mining district met at the store of Daniel Doughty, Monday evening February 10th '68.

The meeting was organized by the choice of J. W. Taylor as chairman Wm. Carpenter Secretary and Jas. S. Gordon ass't sec't'y.

Mr. John Rose offered the following preamble and resolution which after being read by the chairman was unanimously adopted.

Whereas in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six in or about the month of November the miners of this district met according to notice and passed a law declaring that all claims located back of the front claims should not be considered forfeited by reason of not being worked until the claims in front of them should be washed or worked out. Also that all claims that had work done on them to the value of fifty dollars should not be subject to forfeiture at any time thereafter but the lawful owners of such claims should be considered to have acquired a vested right in the same.

And whereas said laws cannot be found or their disappearance be accounted for, now therefore,

*Resolved* that said laws the substance of which is set forth in the foregoing preamble shall be considered in full force and effect the same as if said laws were still to be found on the books of record from date of their enactment.

It was moved that the above Preamble and Resolution be dated and certified to by the chairman and Secretary and handed to the recorder for record together with the minutes of the meeting, which was carried unanimously.

On motion meeting adjourned

Sucker Flat Feb 10th 1868.

J. W. TAYLOR *Chairman*  
WM. CARPENTER *Sec't.*  
JAS S. GORDON *Ass't Sec't.*

Recorded Feb 17th 1868.

DANIEL DOUGHTY *Recorder.*

EL DORADO COUNTY.—SMITH'S FLAT MINING DISTRICT.

HILL LAWS.

[No date of adoption is given.]

1st. Hill claims shall be one hundred and fifty front and running to the center of the hill. Two or more holding claims may form a company to work any one of them without being compelled to work each one of them.

2nd. Any miner shall forfeit his claim by neglecting to work it one whole day in every seven between the first of July and the first of December.

3rd. Any Miner or company of miners finding new diggings in this district shall be allowed to locate and hold one extra claim for each member of the company so finding on any vacant hill ground in the District.

4th. Any tunnel company that shall have expended two hundred dollars upon giving to the Recorder of their intention to leave their tunnel shall not forfeit the same provided they resume work within six months of the time of giving notice.

*Resolved*, that the old code of laws be repealed and the above be published in the "Mountain Democrat".

J. F. MARTIN, *President.*

W. F. JESS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the miners of Smith's Flat on the evening of the 20th of February 1855, J. F. Watson was called to the chair and W. P. Jess appointed secretary and the following laws for the government of Smith's Flat District were unanimously adopted.

SURFACE AND RAVINE MINING LAWS OF SMITH'S FLAT DISTRICT.

1st. The boundaries of Smith's Flat District shall be as follows viz: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Negro Hill District running east to the house of Mr. Vosburgh on the immigrant road.—thence south to Chunk Canyon embracing the same.—thence down to Cooper & Co's Coon Hollow ditch—thence westward along said ditch to Spanish Hill District, thence north to the south line of Negro Hill District thence east to place of beginning.

2nd. The size of surface and Ravine claims shall be 50 by 100 yds each miner may hold two claims.