

# Meeting No. 1.

San Francisco June 15<sup>th</sup> 1861

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Be it remembered that all of the owners  
and parties having interest in the  
coal mines in Contra Costa County  
California.

Known as the Cumberland Coal Mine  
and Black Diamond Coal Mine.

vs. A. G. Ramsdell. Chs. McCormick.

E. Mathewson. James C. Hunsacker.

L. C. Wittenwyer, Josiah Sturgis.

C. S. Butler. A. Tyler. met at the

office of A. G. Ramsdell in the City  
and County of San Francisco

State of California on Saturday

the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June a.d. 1861

at 10 O. clock am. and entered into

and signed the following articles

and Certificate of Incorporation,

thirty consolidating the two aforesaid mines

## Incorporation

This is to certify that the subscribers,  
under and in conformity with the requirements  
of the laws of the State of California and  
especially of an act of the Legislature  
of said State entitled an act to provide  
for the formation of corporations for  
certain purposes, passed April 14<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Also an act entitled an act amendatory  
of and supplementary to an act to provide  
for the formation of corporations for  
certain purposes passed April fourteenth  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

And an act entitled an act to amend  
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One thousand eight hundred and fifty three passed April thirteenth One thousand eight hundred and fifty five passed April 10<sup>th</sup> 1858. and also an act amendatory and supplemental to an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of corporations for certain purposes passed April fourteenth eighteen hundred and fifty three passed March 7<sup>th</sup> 1859. and in conformity with such other laws or parts of laws relating to the corporations of formation as are now in force in said State of California. Have this day formed themselves into an association or company and do declare as follows:

First The corporate name of said company shall be the  
Black Diamond Coal Mining Company

Second The object of which said company is formed is to discover, dig and develop coal on lands near Mount Diablo in the county of Contra Costa in said State, and to construct the necessary ways, railroads and means to transport the same and to sell the same in market as well as to deal in coal generally without reference to the place where the same may be found when the interest of said company may require the same.

Third The amount of capital stock of said company Five Hundred Thousand Dollars divided into five thousand shares of One Hundred Dollars each

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Fourth The said company shall continue for the term of fifty years.

Fifth The number of Trustees and Directors who shall manage the concerns of said company for the first three months shall be seven and they shall consist of Josiah Sturgis, C. S. Butler & Tyler, L. C. Wittinmyer, J. B. Hunsacker & A. P. Ramsdell and Charles Mc Cormick.

Sixth The principal place of business of said company is to be located in city and county of San Francisco State of California.

In testimony whereof the undersigned as members of said company have hereunto set their hands this fourth day of June One thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Signed

<u>Josiah Sturgis</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>C. S. Butler</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>Ashu Tyler</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>L. C. Wittinmyer</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>J. B. Hunsacker</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>A. P. Ramsdell</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>Charles Mc Cormick</u>	<u>1861</u>
<u>Erasmus Mathewson</u>	<u>1861</u>

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State of California  
City and County of San Francisco. }  
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On the fourteenth day of  
June A.D. Eighteen Hundred and  
sixty one before me William Wilson Lawton  
a Notary Public in and for the said  
City and County personally appeared  
Susan Sings Co. Carter Ashu Tyler  
L. C. Wittmeyer S. C. Hunsaker  
et al Ramsdell Charles Mc Cormick  
and Erasmus Mathurson to me personally  
known to be the persons described in and  
who executed foregoing instrument and solemnly  
acknowledged to me that they executed the same  
freely and voluntarily and for the use and  
purpose therein mentioned

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and  
year in this certificate above written.

Wm Wilson Lawton  
Notary Public in and for the City, County  
of San Francisco California.



Dated June 14<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Signed, Washington Ramsdell  
County Clerk

# Incorporation

I, Washington Parlett County  
Clerk of the City and County  
of San Francisco, do hereby certify  
the foregoing to be a true and correct  
copy of the original certificate  
incorporation of the Black Diamond  
Coal Mining Company this day  
filed in my office

Attest my hand & Seal of the  
County Clerk of said City and County  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1861

Signed, Washington Parlett.  
County Clerk.

A copy of the above was this day  
forwarded through Wells Fargo & Co Express  
to Johnson Price Secy of State Sacramento City  
to file in the office and the original articles  
of incorporation duly signed and  
acknowledged by the incorporators and certified  
by the Notary Public was also this day filed in the  
County Clerk's office of the City and County of  
San Francisco June 14<sup>th</sup> 1861.

After the certificate of incorporation  
was duly signed and acknowledged  
by all the parties, a copy of which  
is herein above written the trustees  
named in said certificate being all  
present, proceeded to the election of officers  
of the company for the next ensuing  
seven months as follows.

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on motion A. S. Ramsdell was called to the chair temporarily and L. C. Wittmeyer was chosen secretary pro tem.

## For President

A. S. Ramsdell was put in nomination, received the entire vote and was declared duly elected.

## For Treasurer

Josiah Surgis was nominated received the entire vote and was declared duly elected.

## For Secretary

L. C. Wittmeyer was nominated received the entire vote and was declared duly elected and appointed Frank Bamard as clerk to perform all the duties of Secretary as far as the company will permit.

The following named trustees were duly elected Auditing Committee for the next ensuing twelve months to wit  
A. S. Ramsdell Josiah Surgis and James C. Hunsaker.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at San Francisco - on Sat. Morning on the day of 5<sup>th</sup> ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~month~~ ~~of~~ ~~Sept~~ ~~1861~~ at 10 o'clock.

L. C. Wittmeyer  
Secretary

A. S. Ramsdell Chairman

FOLLOWING THIS PAGE  
IS A PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE  
BLACK DIAMOND COAL MINING COMPANY'S  
FIRST MEETING  
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
ON  
JUNE 15, 1861

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onto page 5 of the original.]



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L. C. Wittenmyer  
Secretary

A. G. Ramsdell, Chairman