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To Interested Parties:

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, SARGENT
RANCH QUARRY PROJECT**

Comment period extended to close on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) prepared for the Sargent Ranch Quarry Project, released on July 25, 2022, evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed project described below:

Sargent Ranch Partners, LLC (Applicant) proposes to construct, operate for 30 years, and subsequently reclaim the Sargent Ranch Quarry Project on an approximately 403-acre site in Santa Clara County. The Project is a sand and gravel mining operation that includes an aggregate processing facility. The Project site is located in the Sargent Ranch property, approximately 4 miles south of the city of Gilroy and approximately 1 mile south of the U.S. 101 and Highway 25 interchange. The mined material (sand and gravel aggregates) would be extracted in four phases over 30 years and would be transported off-site by a combination of truck and train hauling. Final reclamation of the last surface mining phase and the aggregate processing facility would occur at the end of the Project's life. The project requires adoption of a Reclamation Plan and issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the 30-year life of the quarry.

The Draft EIR concludes that the proposed project would have significant impacts for the following resource topics: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, paleontological resources, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and transportation.

The public comment period for the Draft EIR was originally scheduled to close on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. At the request of several parties, the County of Santa Clara has granted an extension of the Draft EIR public comment period. It began on Monday, July 25, 2022 and will now extend to Monday, November 7, 2022.

Your comments regarding the significant environmental effects of the proposed project, alternatives to the proposed project, and the adequacy of the Draft EIR are welcome. Written comments submitted to the Santa Clara County Department of Planning and Development by **Monday, November 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** will be included and responded to in the Final EIR. Please address comments to:

Rob Salisbury, Senior Planner

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A complete copy of the Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the Draft EIR for this project can be found at the following locations:

County of Santa Clara Department of Planning and Development
70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor
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Morgan Hill Public Library
660 West Main Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Gilroy Public Library
350 West 6th Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

A complete copy of the Draft EIR may also be reviewed on the County's website, at: <https://plandev.sccgov.org/policies-programs/smara/sargent>. The County is in the process of translating the Draft EIR Executive Summary into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese and the County will issue notice of when these translations are available for public review.

Sincerely,


Jacqueline R. Onciano, Director

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Otto Lee, Susan Ellenberg, S. Joseph Simitian
County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith