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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

THE LEHIGH PERMANENTE QUARRY RECLAMATION PLAN AMENDMENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE No. 2010042063

DECEMBER 23, 2011

LEAD AGENCY: County of Santa Clara

PROJECT TITLE: Reclamation Plan Amendment (Consolidated) for Permanente Quarry (State Mine ID# 91-43-004)

PROJECT LOCATION

The Quarry is located in an unincorporated area of the County west of the City of Cupertino, between 2 and 3 miles west of the intersection of Interstate 280 and Highway 85 in the eastern foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Foothill Expressway, Stevens Creek Boulevard, and Permanente Road provide vehicular access. The address is 24001 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, California, 95014.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Permanente Quarry is a limestone and aggregate mining operation. The Applicant proposes to amend the existing 1985 Reclamation Plan for a 20-year period. The modified Reclamation Plan will expand in size to encompass a 1,238-acre area associated with mining operations (the Project Area) within the Applicant's overall 3,510-acre ownership.

The Project Area consists of the existing Quarry pit, two overburden disposal areas referred to as the West Materials Storage Area (WMSA) and the East Materials Storage Area (EMSA), the crusher/Quarry office support area, surge pile, rock plant, approximately 284-acres located south of Permanente Creek that have been disturbed by prior exploratory activities (Exploration Area), approximately 49.2-acres adjacent to Permanente Creek (Permanente Creek Restoration Area or PCRA), and open space areas that serve to physically separate operations at the site from other uses in the surrounding environs.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The County has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to address the specific environmental effects of implementing the proposed Project. The Draft EIR identifies significant impacts that would result the project in the following categories: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards, hydrology/water quality, noise. The project is not a listed hazardous waste site.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD/STATUS: A **60-day public review period** will be provided to receive written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The comment period will start on **December 23, 2011**, and end on **February 21, 2012**. Written comments regarding the significant environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the DEIR are welcome should be sent to the following address:

County of Santa Clara – Planning Office, 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110, Attention: Rob Eastwood, Principal Planner.
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AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR: Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations as well as on the County's web site at <http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/planning/>.

County of Santa Clara – Planning Office, 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110, Phone: (408) 299-6740

Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino CA 95014

Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022

Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

PUBLIC MEETINGS

An informational public workshop on the Draft EIR will be held on **January 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM, in the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014**. The intent of this meeting is to provide an overview of the Draft EIR and how to provide comments on this document.

A public meeting to receive comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR will be held on **February 2, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, at 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110** before the Santa Clara County Planning Commission.



Rob Eastwood, Principal Planner, AICP 12/22/11

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