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Mr. Justin Bertoline
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Ventura County
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RE: Pacific Rock Quarry Expansion Project
Vic. VEN-101 PM 7.89
SCH # 2017081052
GTS # VEN-2020-00435AL-MND

Dear Mr. Bertoline:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The applicant requests that a modified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) be granted and an amended Reclamation Plan be approved to authorize the expansion and continued operations of an existing surface mining facility for an additional 25-year period. The project site is about two miles away from the State facilities (US-101).

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

Also, Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide (TISG), dated May 20, 2020 and Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared in July 2020.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/office-of-smart-mobility-climate-change/sb-743>

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Caltrans concurs that “this EIR recognizes that VMT associated with the Project would have the potential to increase as compared to the existing operation baseline conditions. However, given that the Project itself would not induce aggregate transport travel and the Project would create the potential for reductions in regional VMT, this analysis concludes that the Project impact related to VMT is less than significant and no mitigation is required.”

For this project, transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods and idle time not to exceed 10 minutes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to GTS # VEN-2020-00435AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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