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**AMA-88- PM 3.615**  
**Jackson Valley Quarry**  
**Use Permit (UP-06; 9-2)**  
**SCH 2007042002**

Dear Mr. Beatty:

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to review and respond to the Jackson Valley Quarry amendment to Use Permit # UP-06;9-2 to modify Condition of Approval (COA) #15 of the Jackson Valley Quarry (JVQ) Use Permit to amend the hours of operation for operational / reclamation activities (e.g., excavation, processing/crushing, load-out, and hauling) shown below. Proposed additional text is underlined and proposed deleted text is shown in ~~strikeout~~.

"Hours of operation," other than maintenance and repair work, shall be limited to the hours of 6:00 a.m. and ~~6:00 p.m.~~ 10:00 p.m. Days of operation, other than maintenance and repair work, shall be limited to Monday through Friday. Maintenance and repair work of a low noise level may be made outside the foregoing working hours and days of operations. The noise level for maintenance and repair work conducted outside regular working hours and days shall not exceed 45 dBA at the property line. The above limitations on working hours and days may, in case of emergency, be temporarily waived by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or their designee until the matter is heard by the Board of Supervisors for a final determination. Notwithstanding the above, the following limitations to hours of operation apply unless temporarily waived by the County Planning Department.

1. Mining of the outer areas of the quarry are limited to the hours of 6:00 am – 6:00 pm, Mon – Fri, until mining has progressed to a depth of at least one bench height (~20 ft.) as delineated in the noise report (Bollard; May 2023).
2. Use of excavator-mounted hydraulic rock breakers are limited to the hours of 6:00 am –6:00 pm, Mon – Fri.
3. Load out of rip-rap is limited to the hours of 6:00 am – 6:00 pm, Mon – Fri."

No change to the approved hours of operation for site preparation activities or blasting are requested. The Project will not modify the existing production levels, materials to be mined, area of disturbance, equipment types or mining methods, number of employees, or otherwise expand or intensify the existing use.

**Caltrans at this time has the following comments:**

**Environmental**

If extending the operational hours will result in new/additional activities in Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans Right of Way at the project site(s). The Initial Study (IS) describes the nesting bird season as March to October. However, if there are any construction-related activities in Caltrans ROW as a result of this proposal, that work is subjected to a nesting bird season of February 1 - September 30 to meet Caltrans standards. There are mature trees within and/or near Caltrans ROW that could provide a suitable nesting habitat. If work will occur between February 1 and September 30 of any year, a pre-construction bird survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of any construction-related activities in Caltrans ROW. If an active nest is observed, a protective buffer must be established around the nest per CDFW guidelines. No work is allowed within the protective buffer limits until the young have fledged and until authorized by the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office. Results of the pre-construction bird survey(s) must be provided to the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office before the start of construction.

**Outdoor Advertising:**

It is important to note that any advertising structure visible to the National Highway System (NHS) is subject to the provisions of the California Outdoor Advertising Act outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5200 et seq. Any advertising structure that displays off-premise commercial copy visible from the NHS will require a permit from the Office of Outdoor Advertising (ODA). Any advertising structure that only advertises goods and services available on-premise will not require a permit from ODA, provided it adheres to the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 5272 and 5274 and California Code of Regulations 2243 and 2246. Each of the proposed advertising structures should refrain from operating in any of the conditions outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5403. For questions related to the ODA permit application process please visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/oda/>.

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Caltrans suggests Amador County Planning Department continue to consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts that may occur from this project and other developments on or near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

### **Encroachment Permits**

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW), the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 (email: paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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