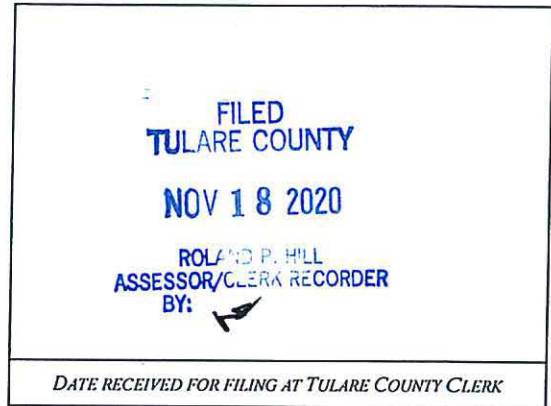


NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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(559) 624-7000
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Applicant(s): Deer Creek Rock Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 994248
Redding, CA 96099-4248
(530) 241-2112

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Deer Creek Mine Expansion (PMR 19-001)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019049052 (Subsequent EIR to SCH# 2014081023)

Contact Person: Hector Guerra **Telephone Number:** 559-624-7121


Project Location: The existing facility and proposed Project site is located at 27671 Avenue 120 / Road 272, Porterville, CA 93257. The proposed expansions area site is approximately 0.84 miles east of Road 272 and abutting Avenue 120 along a portion of its northeastern side. The existing facility is located on APN 305-190-021 while the proposed expansion area is located on APN 305-190-022. The Project site is located in Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M, and can be found within the Success Dam United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle.


Project Description: The Project consists of a ±20-acre expansion to the footprint and operations of the existing and currently operational Deer Creek Mine facility. The Applicant, Deer Creek Rock Co., Inc. currently operates a rock and gravel surface mining operation on a ±110-acre site. The Applicant is requesting to increase its transport limitation from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 tons of aggregate annually. The proposed Project would result in an increase from 42,300 trips per year to a maximum of 60,000 trips per year (i.e., an increase of 17,700 trips per year). This will require approximately three (3) additional employees, resulting in a workforce of approximately 30 employees (20 in first shift and 10 in second shift). The customer base from the proposed Project is anticipated to remain mostly from within Tulare County. The Applicant is proposing to increase production of the existing mining permit and will include both lateral and depth expansion. All proposed mining activities will take place within the proposed excavation area. As a condition of the permit, and since the proposed Project is in the AE-40, reclamation of the site will result in the property being reclaimed to grazing/open space standards for eventual agricultural re-use. A current, approved Reclamation Plan is on file with Tulare County.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY** ^{PLANNING COMMISSION} ~~BOARD OF SUPERVISORS~~, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 11.18.2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. A Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report; Mitigated Negative Declaration; or Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [were were not] made a condition of approval of this project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

By:  Date: 11/18/20 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
 Hector Guerra

By:  Date: 11/18/2020 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer & RMA Director
 Reed Schenke

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

- Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required
**Fees paid 3/12/15 for SCH# 2014081023,
 See attached receipt # 54-2015-052**
- Subsequent EIR
- M.N.D.
- N.D.