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Subject: Teichert Shifler Draft Environmental Impact Report  
State Clearinghouse No. 2019089053

Dear Ms. Cormier:

Thank you for including the Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) in the environmental review process for the Teichert Shifler Mine Project (Proposed Project) Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Draft EIR indicates that Yolo County (County) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Proposed Project.

Teichert Aggregates is proposing to conduct mining and reclamation activities on 277.1 acres and undertake modifications to portions of the Moore and Magnolia Canals. The Proposed Project includes mining 41.6 million tons of aggregate resources (sand and gravel) over a requested 30-year period at an annual rate not to exceed 2.6 million tons mined per year. Mining is proposed in two phases moving from north to south, and reclamation is proposed in three phases resulting in approximately 85.8 acres of agricultural land on the west, approximately 30.9 acres of agricultural land on the east, a 112.0 acre open water tank in the central portion of the proposed mining area, 23.9 acres of riparian habitat along the lake frontage, and 23.6 acres in grassy slopes and access roads.

The Proposed Project description includes the following elements that have a nexus with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA; Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 2710 et seq.):

- Relocation of a segment of Moore Canal to the northerly portion of the site and modification of Magnolia Canal to align with the relocated Moore Canal
- Continued operation and expansion of the Teichert Woodland Plant facilities (including new equipment and increased processing capacity)
- Excavation and reclamation at the Shifler site
- Extend operation of the Woodland Plant site commensurate with the requested 30-year mining permit, delaying reclamation at the site
- Completion of an in-channel gravel bar removal project

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The Division has review responsibilities associated with lead agency implementation of SMARA. SMARA provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy to assure that:

- Adverse environmental effects of surface mining operations are prevented or minimized and mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternative land uses
- Production and conservation of minerals are encouraged, while giving consideration to values relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, and aesthetic enjoyment
- Residual hazards to the public health and safety are eliminate

The Division's primary focus is on active surface mining operations; however, the Division also addresses issues related to abandoned (pre-1976) legacy mines. Division staff has reviewed the subject Draft EIR pursuant to the CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines and offers the following comments at this time:

- Division staff will provide comments on the Reclamation Plan for this proposed mining activity once the Division receives the complete Reclamation Plan and any supporting documents along with the statement from the County that certifies the submission as complete and in accordance with PRC Section 2772.1 (a)(3)(A-C).
- Division staff will provide comments on the Financial Assurance Cost Estimate for the Proposed Project in accordance with PRC Section 2773.4(a-c).

The Division requests to be included on the distribution list for this Proposed Project. Additionally, the Division requests that any subsequent project documents (e.g., hearing notices for the Draft and Final EIRs and any supplemental environmental documents), as well as a copy of the certified Final EIR, be sent to the Division at [DMR-Submittals@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:DMR-Submittals@conservation.ca.gov). If you have any questions, please contact one of us at (916) 323-9198.

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