

## REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
State Responsible Agencies  
State Trustee Agencies  
Other Public Agencies  
Interested Organizations  
Members of the Public

**FROM:** County of Shasta  
Shasta County Dept. of Resource Management,  
Planning Division

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**SUBJECT:** Revised Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

**PROJECT TITLE:** Crystal Creek Aggregate Expansion Project; Use Permit Amendment (UP 19-0007) and Reclamation Plan Amendment (RP 19-0001)

Shasta County is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified as Crystal Creek Aggregate Expansion Project, to amend the existing use permit and reclamation plan to construct and operate an asphalt plant, reconfigure the existing quarry to increase production, and expand the use permit area. The purpose of this Revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to solicit guidance from Responsible, Trustee, and other agencies (as well as input from members of the public) as to the scope and content of the EIR, including potential impacts of concern and mitigation measures or alternatives that should be considered. An NOP for this project was issued on September 30, 2019; due to significant changes to the proposal (including the elimination of the previously proposed general plan and zoning plan amendments), this Revised NOP is being issued.

Detailed project information, including an Initial Study prepared for the project, is currently available online at: <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm/planning/eir/crystal-creek-aggregate>

If you do not have internet access or have trouble downloading project information from the internet address noted above, a hard copy may be obtained by calling or e-mailing the project CONTACT (listed above).

**WRITTEN SCOPING COMMENTS:** Written scoping comments will be accepted at any time during the 30-day scoping period. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than the deadlines described below. Direct all questions and send all written comments to the project CONTACT (listed above).

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE:** Shasta County will hold a public scoping meeting for agencies and individuals to learn more about the CEQA process for this project, and to receive comments regarding the appropriate scope and content of the EIR including what potential environmental impacts of the project should be addressed in depth in the EIR. The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 09, 2021 at 9:00am. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the meeting will be held virtually, in order to help protect the health and safety of participants and staff.

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/806906845>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States: [+1\(571\)317-3122](tel:+15713173122)

Access Code: 806-906-845

If you would like to receive e-mail notifications about the Crystal Creek Aggregate Expansion Project, please email [tpetti@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:tpetti@co.shasta.ca.us). The County will not sell your electronic contact information to anyone for any purpose. However, any information you provide may be subject to disclosure in response to a request for public information about the project.

The project description, location, and probable environmental impacts are noted in the Initial Study. The Initial Study preliminarily identifies the issues anticipated to be addressed briefly in the EIR (either because the resource is not present in the area or would not be affected by the project) and those impacts that the EIR will address in more detail. The EIR also may consider environmental issues that are raised by Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, other interested agencies, and members of the public during the scoping process.

The EIR will consider all substantive environmental issues which are raised by responsible agencies, trustee agencies, other interested agencies, and members of the public or related groups during the NOP process, and will analyze these potential effects in detail and to the extent necessary to make a determination on the level of significance of such effects. Discussion of those environmental effects determined to result in no impact or a less-than-significant impact will be limited to a brief explanation in the EIR of why those effects are not considered potentially significant.

The following agencies may be a Trustee Agency and/or Responsible Agency for the proposed project or have other jurisdiction/interests concerning the proposed project.

United States Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)  
United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)  
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)  
California Department of Resources and Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)  
California Division of Mine Reclamation (DMR)  
California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal OSHA)  
Shasta County Resource Management Agencies (Air Quality, Environmental Health, Building, Fire)  
Shasta County Department of Public Works (DPW)  
Shasta County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff)

Whether your agency is or is not listed above we need to know the views of your agency or organization as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities or of interest to your organization in connection with the proposed project. Specifically, we are requesting the following:

1. If you are a public agency, state if your agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the project and list the permits or approvals from your agency that will be required for the project and its future actions;
2. Identify potential significant environmental effects and mitigation measures that you believe need to be explored in the EIR with supporting discussion of why you believe these effects may be significant;
3. Describe special studies and other information that you believe are necessary for the County to analyze the potential significant environmental effects, alternatives, and mitigation measures you have identified;
4. Provide the name, title, e-mail address, and telephone number of the contact person from your agency or organization that we can contact regarding your comments.

**Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be received by the County of Shasta by the following deadlines:**

- **For responsible and trustee agencies, not later than 30 days after you receive this notice.**
- **For all other agencies, organizations, and individuals, not later than 30 days from publication of this Revised Notice of Preparation. The 30-day review period ends on Monday, March 22, 2021.**

If we do not receive a response from you/your agency or organization within the applicable time frame, we will presume that you/your agency or organization has no response to make.

A responsible agency, trustee agency, or other public agency may request a meeting with Shasta County or its representatives in accordance with Section 15082(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Electronic copies of this Revised NOP are available by clicking on the Crystal Creek Aggregate Expansion Project link on the Shasta County Department of Resource Management homepage at:

<https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm/planning/eir/crystal-creek-aggregate>

Please provide your responses and any direct questions to the attention of Tara Petti, Associate Planner, via mail/delivery to Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001 or via e-mail to [tpetti@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:tpetti@co.shasta.ca.us). Phone (530) 225-5532.

Date: 2/17/21  Tara Petti, Associate Planner