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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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**SUBJECT: San Rafael Rock Quarry
Amended Reclamation Plan Addendum to the 2009 Final EIR
State Clearinghouse No. 2005102122**

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Thank you for including the Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) in the environmental review process for the San Rafael Rock Quarry (Proposed Project) Addendum to the 2009 Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The addendum indicates that Marin County (County), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has received an application to amend its approved Conforming Amended Reclamation Plan of 2010 No. CARP10 to extend the date to complete mining reclamation activities to December 31, 2044.

The Division's primary focus is on active surface mining operations; however, the Division also addresses issues related to abandoned (pre-1976) legacy mines. Additionally, the Division has review responsibilities associated with lead agency implementation of SMARA. SMARA provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy to assure that:

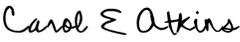
- Adverse environmental effects of surface mining operations are prevented or minimized and mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternative land uses.
- Production and conservation of minerals are encouraged, while giving consideration to values relating to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

Division staff has reviewed the subject Addendum to the 2009 Final EIR pursuant to the CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines and offers no comments at this time. Division staff will provide specific comments on the Reclamation Plan Amendment (RPA) for this proposed mining activity once the Division has received the RPA and any supporting documents along with the statement from the County that certifies the submission as complete, in accordance with PRC Section 2772.1(a)(3)(A-C) and prior to approval by the County as SMARA local lead agency.

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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 Addendum, final determinations, and any supplemental environmental documents) be sent to the Division at DMR-Submittals@conservation.ca.gov or the mailing address on the bottom of page 1 of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 323-9198.

Sincerely,

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