



County of Fresno

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SUBJECT: Reissued Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed modification to the existing CEMEX Rockfield Quarry (EIR No. 7763 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667)

SUMMARY: The County of Fresno (County) is releasing this Notice of Availability (Notice) to announce an extension of the comment period, and to notify additional agencies that the County has prepared a Draft EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project (Project) situated in an area of unincorporated Fresno County, California (see APNs and Longitude and Latitude listed below). Fresno County, as the local land use authority, may permit mining operations on unincorporated lands through the Conditional Use Permit process accompanied by approved Reclamation Plans in accordance with Section 834.4.220 of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance. The document serves as the second Notice for this project and is being reissued to broaden the distribution list of recipients and to extend the comment period.

CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") has submitted an application to the County for two Unclassified Conditional Use Permits (CUP Application Nos. 3666 and 3667) to facilitate the continuation and modification of the Rockfield Quarry's existing operations in aggregate mining and processing, which includes rock, sand, and gravel. The project encompasses two distinct locations situated approximately two miles apart. The first location, known as the Plant Site, is positioned on the west side of North Friant Road, between North Willow Avenue and Little Dry Creek. The second location, referred to as the Quarry Site, is also on the west side of North Friant Road, situated between Bluff View Avenue and Lost Lake Road. The County has assumed the role of the lead agency for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR No. 7763) for this project and is issuing this Notice in accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs):

Plant Site APNs: 300-070-56S, 300-070-57S, 300-070-58S, 300-070-59S, and 300-070- 60S (Latitude: 36°55'44" N / Longitude: 119°44'12" W)

Quarry Site APNs: 300-040-19, 300-040-20, 300-080-01S, 300-250-12, and 300-310-01 (portion) (Latitude: 36°57'20" N / Longitude:119°44'00" W)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Applicant is requesting the continuation and modification of its current aggregate (rock, sand, and gravel) mining and processing operations. The Project includes the following two project life stages that are estimated to span 100 years:

Stage 1:

- Continue concurrent operations at both the Quarry Site and the Plant Site for up to 30 Years.
- At the Plant Site, the existing aggregate processing plant would continue to be used to wash, screen, crush and sort aggregate mined on site.
- At the Quarry Site the hard rock deposit that lies beneath the alluvial deposit currently being mined, would be mined. Excavation of the hard rock would require drilling and blasting and would occur to a depth of approximately 600-feet below ground surface (bgs).
- An aggregate processing plant would be added to the Quarry Site to wash, screen, crush, and sort the hard rock to be mined on site.
- Aggregate products produced at the Quarry Site used at the asphalt and ready-mix plants at the Plant Site would be transported approximately 2 miles south to the Plant Site via Friant Road in the same manner as the raw aggregate currently being transported from the Quarry Site to the Plant Site for the existing operations.
- Other aggregate products produced at the Quarry site not used by the asphalt and ready-mix plants at the Plant Site would be sold directly from the quarry.
- The existing asphalt plant at the Plant Site would be replaced with a modern Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) plant.
- Periodic use of a portable crushing plant to recycle come-back concrete would continue with the addition of asphalt recycling and import of concrete debris to recycle into crushed miscellaneous base (CMB) and asphalt debris to be recycled asphalt product (RAP).
- Mine the remaining alluvial deposit at the Plant Site to a depth of approximately 85-feet below ground surface (bgs).
- Relocation of the plant operations at the Plant Site to the Quarry Site in less than 30 years to recover the deposit beneath the plants.
- Upon approval of project permits, the combined annual sales of aggregate from both sites are estimated to ramp up from the 1.4 MT allowed under the current

permits to 2.0 MT in approximately five years and up to 3.0 MT in approximately 10 years.

- When mining is completed at the Plant Site, reclamation would consist of approximately 122 acres of open space, riparian and open water wildlife habitat.

Stage 2:

- Continue hard rock mining and processing operations only at the Quarry Site for approximately 70 more years. The ready-mix concrete plant and the hot-mix asphalt plant would be relocated from the Plant Site to the Quarry Site.
- The periodic use of a portable plant to recycle concrete and asphalt debris (including imported) into CMB and RAP would be added to the Quarry Site.
- All aggregate products produced at the Quarry site would be used by the on-site asphalt and ready-mix plants or sold directly from the Quarry Site. The interplant haul would cease.
- Stage 2 operations are estimated to have annual aggregate sales of 3.0 MT.
- Reclamation of the Quarry Site would create approximately 349 acres of open space, riparian and open water wildlife habitat.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR identified the following significant and unavoidable impacts. All remaining impacts would be significant or potentially significant prior to the implementation of mitigation measures but would be reduced to less than significant levels with mitigation applied.

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources: The project would have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista and would substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the project sites from two locations. Mitigation would require the exposed rock of the quarry pit wall to be stained to reduce contrast and visibility.
- Transportation: The project would cause traffic delays at two intersections which cannot be fully mitigated due to the availability of funding for necessary improvements.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR and all supporting technical and reference documents are available for review at the following locations:

- Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department Current Planning Counter: 2220 Tulare St., Annex Suite B Fresno, CA 93721
- CEQAnet Web Portal (SCH #2020060123): <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

- Fresno County Website (Cemex Rockfield Expansion):

<https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/eir7763>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the public agencies and members of the general public should provide written comments on the Draft EIR to the County by 5:00 PM on March 10, 2025. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to the following address:

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Or via e-mail with subject line “CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project EIR” to:

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This Notice supersedes all previous Notices of Availability. Requests to be provided future public notices for this project may be sent to the same email or address above.

Following the public review and comment period, the County will respond to all written comments received on the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR. The responses, along with any modifications to the Draft EIR, will be compiled into a response-to-comments document. The response-to-comment document, along with the Draft EIR and its appendices, will form the Final EIR for the proposed project. In accordance with CEQA (Section 21092.5), the Final EIR, will be made available at least 10 days before certification.