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**SUBJECT: ROCKAWAY QUARRY PROJECT; NOTICE OF PREPARATION; STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2020090036**

Dear Mr. Murdock:

Thank you for including the Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) in the environmental review process for the Rockaway Quarry Project (Proposed Project) Notice of Preparation (NOP). The NOP indicates that the City of Pacifica (City), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Project and that the City is soliciting comments on the scope of the EIR from the general public with this NOP.

As described in the NOP, the Proposed Project site is the location of the Rockaway Quarry, which is a sidehill, open pit mine. The Quarry site consists of two separate project sites, the Quarry Parcel and the Eastern Parcel, totaling approximately 86 acres. The Proposed Project would include reclamation of the former Quarry and would be performed in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the City of Pacifica Municipal Code and the reclamation plan for the Quarry.

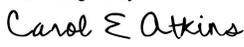
The Division's primary focus is on active surface mining operations; however, the Division also addresses issues related to abandoned (pre-1976) legacy mines. The Division has review responsibilities associated with lead agency implementation of SMARA. SMARA provides a comprehensive surface mining and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

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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., the Draft EIR, 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 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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