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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Buellflat Rock Company Deep Mining Reclamation Plan

Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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Project Location: Solvang, County of Santa Barbara

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project is a request for a revision to Reclamation Plan 88-RP-002 AM01 for the Buellflat Rock Quarry located at 1214 Mission Drive in Solvang, to conduct deep mining and reclamation below the water table in a previously disturbed onsite mining area to a depth of 300 feet above mean sea level (amsl). Other proposed changes to the Reclamation Plan include installing a drainage culvert from the deep mining pit to an existing sediment basin, making improvements to an existing access road, backfilling the proposed deep mining area to 340 feet amsl following mining activities, and revising the mining area's end use from open space/habitat to dry pasture agriculture. The mining of mineral commodities for rock, sand, and gravel would remain the same. Total mining production would be reduced from up to 1,600,000 cubic yards of material to 518,149 cubic yards of material over the lifetime of the mine, which would be extended 20 years to 2038. No changes to the number of acres to be mined or disturbed are proposed. The revised Reclamation Plan would supersede all previous reclamation plans approved for the site, and would govern mining and reclamation activities of the entire property going forward. The property consists of APNs: 137-250-23, 137-250-37, 137-250-46, and 137-260-25.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant but mitigable impacts are expected to agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, geologic processes, and water resources/flooding. Mitigation measures include: development and implementation of a pasture fertilization plan upon reclamation; dust suppression measures; updates to the site's Permit to Operate from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; general biological avoidance and good housekeeping measures; seasonally-timed biological surveys; coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as needed; development and implementation of an erosion and sediment control plan; establishment of a geotechnical restricted area; engineering requirements for fill material and placement, fill slopes, cut slopes, and subdrains; timelines for re-vegetation; the use of specific equipment areas; sediment and contamination containment; an updated and approved Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan through the Regional Water Quality Control Board; and an updated Hazardous Materials Business Plan.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

NA

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife