

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**Project Title:** Gem Hill Quarry Project by CalPortland Company (PP21404)

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County: Kern

**Project Location:** County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Rosamond

Cross Streets: The project site is located on the west side of Mojave Tropico Road, approximately two miles south of Backus Road; approximately four miles northwest of the unincorporated community of Rosamond; also being located within portions of Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36 of Township 10 North, Range 13 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM), County of Kern, State of California.

Lat. / Long.: 34° 55' 19.57488" N / 118° 13' 15.75640" W

Total Acres: 210.75 acres (210-acre reclamation plan boundary plus .75-acre primary access road)

Assessor's Parcel No.: portion of 345-032-02 (primary access road); portions of APN 345-031-02, APN 345-032-05 and APN 345-294-17, all of 345-032-31 Section: portions of Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36

Twp.: 10N Range: 13W Base: SBB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: N/A

Waterways: multiple ephemeral drainage features

Airports: N/A

Railways: N/A

Schools: N/A

## Document Type:

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.)  Draft EIS  Other  
 Mit Neg Dec Other

## Local Action Type:

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  
 Other

## Development Type:

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral: naturally occurring pozzolan (volcanic tuff)  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Wildlife  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Growth Inducing  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Land Use  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Cumulative Effects  
 Other Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire

## Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

- Undeveloped / Zoning: A (Exclusive Agriculture) / Kern County General Plan: 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture), 8.4 (Mineral and Petroleum), 8.4/2.4 (Mineral and Petroleum – Steep Slope), 8.5/2.4 (Resource Management – Steep Slope)

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The project proponent has submitted: (a) a Conditional Use Permit (CUP 45, Map 214) application, to allow a surface mining operation and development of a reclamation plan on approximately 82 acres of an approximately 210-acre reclamation plan boundary, which would utilize a 0.75-acre primary access road outside of such reclamation plan boundary to provide access to/from Mojave Tropico Road.

Access to the site would be obtained via two access roads to Mojave Tropico Road, specifically the aforementioned access road and a secondary access road to the north thereof. The project proponent proposes to employ open pit, multibench, and drill and blast mining techniques to mine naturally occurring pozzolan (volcanic tuff), which is used in the production of cement. No crushing or processing of mined material would occur onsite.

The life of the operation is proposed to be 30 years. Annual mineral production is estimated to be 500,000 tons, and the maximum total mineral production is estimated to be 15 million tons. The total anticipated production of mine waste (overburden) is estimated to be 600,000 tons, which would be disposed in two onsite overburden stockpiles. The proposed maximum depth of excavation is 300 feet below original grade. No phasing of mining is proposed.

Maximum operational inter-bench slopes (also referred to as bench face slopes) for the quarry will be 0.25:1 (horizontal:vertical (H:V)) with overall slopes of 1:1 (H:V). Maximum final reclaimed inter-bench slopes for the quarry will be 0.25:1 (H:V). Overall final reclaimed slopes for the quarry will be a maximum of 1:1 (H:V).

Maximum operational slopes for the overburden stockpiles will be 1.5:1 (H:V). Maximum and overall final reclaimed slopes for the overburden stockpiles will be 2:1 (H:V).

Operations would typically be conducted between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with the understanding that additional shifts or longer/alternative hours may be required due to operational constraints. As proposed, there would be a maximum of 20 employees onsite at any one time. These 20 employees would include haul truck drivers, who would haul overburden onsite (from the quarry to the overburden stockpiles), as well as hauling naturally occurring pozzolan (volcanic tuff) offsite to clients.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date August 23, 2022 Ending Date October 7, 2022

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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ */s/* \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** August 23, 2022

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.