

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH# 2021110076

Project Title: Gem Hill Quarry (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-30302-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project will occur in an unincorporated area in the Rosamond Hills, west of Mojave-Tropico Road, approximately 3.4 miles north-northwest of the community of Rosamond and nine miles southwest of the community of Mojave; Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 10 North, 13 West; USGS 7.5-Minute Quad Soledad Mountain, MDBM; centered at approximately Latitude 34.919783 and Longitude -118.218333; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 345-294-17, 345-032-05, 345-032-31, 345-031-02, and 345-032-02.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-KER-30302-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, CalPortland Company.

The Project includes activities related to the operation of a new 35-acre open pit, multi-bench quarry to mine volcanic tuff. Activities include removal of stream segments during quarry excavation, constructing berms and diverting of the flow of streams entering the quarry site, and construction of low water crossings for access and haul roads.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 6/27/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW’s permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW’s record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW’s regional office.

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Julie Vance
Signature: _____ **Date:** 6/27/2024
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____