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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ORO GRANDE CEMENT PLANT EMSW CONVERSION FACILITY

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA guidelines, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the proposed construction and operation of the Oro Grande Cement Plant (Plant) Engineered Municipal Solid Waste (EMSW) Conservation Facility located 19409 National Trails Highway, Oro Grande, CA, San Bernardino County.

CalPortland is seeking identification of an EMSW Conversion Facility at its existing Plant in the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan non-disposal Siting Element (Siting Element), to maximize the use of EMSW. The Proposed Project is identified as "EMSW Conversion Facility." CalPortland's objective is to utilize the use of EMSW because of its economics, reliability, and benefit of reducing carbon emissions. The use of EMSW reduces the Plant's carbon footprint by reducing the need to use coal and natural gas in the manufacturing of cement. The EMSW would be used as a supplemental/alternative fuel for the facility's rotary kiln by feeding material into the kiln and/or the preheater. The facility's identification within the Siting Element is required for the Local Enforcement Agency to review and issue necessary permits.

The EMSW Conversion Facility will require issuance of a Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) from the Environmental Health Services. Pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 18221.6, a complete Transfer Processing Report has been prepared to obtain an EMSW Conversion Facility SWFP. The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has already issued CalPortland an Authority to Construct and Title V Significant Permit Modification for the EMSW Conversion Facility because there will be no net increase in emissions from the Project.

The 30-day public comment period for the Draft Negative Declaration begins on March 30, 2022 and closes on April 28, 2022. The document is available for review at the San Bernardino County Public Works Department, or on the website: <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/Home.aspx>.

Please submit comments by April 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to:

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Comments may be made on the Draft ND in writing before the end of the comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will consider the Draft Negative Declaration and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document at a public hearing.

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