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**Subject:** CHP Redding Area Response for Environmental Document Review – SCH # 2023080240  
**Attachments:** SCH 2023080240.pdf

Ms. Tara Petti - Senior Planner,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Redding Area, has reviewed the Environmental Impact Document (SCH 22023080240) proposed by the County of Shasta. The CHP Redding Area was asked to evaluate potential traffic safety and congestion issues relative to the proposed project located within the County of Shasta in relation to the existing Crystal Creek Aggregate Mine.

This project could place an increased demand on CHP Redding with the expected increase in vehicular traffic on State Route (SR) 299, and unincorporated county roads within Shasta County, specifically Ball Mill Road, Iron Mountain Road, and Keswick Dam Road, . The proposed project is located in direct proximity to the previously listed state route and county roadways. These roadways are already experiencing increased congestion during peak periods of use. This project could have a negative impact on CHP Redding Area operations due to the increased vehicle, and heavy truck traffic, which will necessitate the need for additional traffic safety control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic congestion and collisions within our jurisdiction. The potential impact to CHP operations are as follows:

- **Increased Traffic:** This would potentially increase traffic congestion and calls for service. The project includes an increase of 100% increase in lifetime aggregate production and over a 50% increase in million cubic yards. This increase in production and subsequent increase in traffic, could have a negative impact on response times to calls for service. SCH 2023080240 includes a proposal to increase the turn lane on SR-299, which CHP Redding believes could potentially increase safety of traffic turning onto Iron Mountain Road from SR-299. The additional traffic flow on the county roads has not yet been addressed. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would need to provide valuable insight into the development of additional traffic lanes and congestion relief on in regards to traffic patterns on SR-299 near Iron Mountain Road, including heavy truck traffic. This projected increase in traffic will most definitely increase the calls for service related to the CHP Redding patrol jurisdiction.
- **Increased Heavy Truck Traffic:** The increase in aggregate production would increase heavy truck traffic, including truck traffic carrying hazardous materials. A review of current truck routes and approved hazardous materials routes would need to be reevaluated to ensure the efficient flow of goods and services on all state and local highways. CHP Northern Division Commercial Enforcement Unit, could provide further information surrounding the hazardous material routes and considerations specific to commercial vehicular traffic. Consideration should be given to ensure roadways are capable of accommodating the increased truck traffic to include the increased size and weight associated with heavy truck traffic.

CHP Redding sincerely appreciates the ability to provide input and feedback in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, please contact Captain Alexander, Lieutenant LaPonte, or myself at (530) 225-0500.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Environmental Document Review – SCH # 2023080240 – Due to Lead Agency by 9/11/2023

Good afternoon,

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced Notice of Environmental Impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH) outlined in the following Web site:

[Amendment 23-0003 and Amendment 23-0004 \(ca.gov\)](#)

Due to the project's geographical proximity, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local operations and public safety. **If impact is determined**, responses should be e-mailed directly to the Lead Agency with cc to SCH and myself. **If there is no impact**, please do not include SCH or the Lead Agency in your response.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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