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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Conditional Use Permit 17-12 Major
Modification No. 1 and Site Plan Review
22-019 – Mitigated Negative Declaration
SCH # 2023100539
Vic. LA 138/PM 48.542
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04347

Dear Sam Dominguez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The project proposes to operate a concrete bagging and block paver manufacturing facility (Quikrete Plant Project) on an approximately 30-acre vacant site to include production areas, storage, office, landscaping, parking lot, asphalt and paver areas, walkways, and two detention basins. The City of Palmdale is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR-138. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

- The Trip Memorandum of the Quikrete Plant Project Initial Study, states that Table C does not have a recent location of SR-138 and 47th Street E.
- Once the project is completed and mitigation measures are implemented, a study should be done to make sure that the mitigation measures are effective as intended
- Caltrans recommends the following during the construction stage:
 - Work with Caltrans Office of Permits, Multi-Modal Unit, for a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the construction sites.
 - Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities, especially during peak hours.

- Cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04347.

Sincerely,

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