

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

WHO: Project Applicant, Mike Ghilotti, Ghilotti Brothers, Inc., **Permit Sonoma File No. UPE10-0055**

WHAT: Request for a Use Permit for a Mining and Reclamation Plan that expands the area covered by the Reclamation Plan from roughly 23 acres to 48.5 acres and allows for the removal of 4.56 million tons of rock material over a 20 year period, all within the area of vested rights. Requested operation levels are consistent with vested rights with a maximum 90,000 cubic yards (135,000 tons) of mining per year. No increase in annual mining rates is requested. In addition, this application also requests a revision to the existing Use Permit that allows the existing quarry floor to be used for contractor's heavy equipment storage. The existing permit authorizes storage of 50 pieces of equipment and trucks including maintenance and repair. The revised authorization would limit contractor's storage to the area of the existing 8.5 acre quarry floor and allow for storage of heavy equipment as well as other non-hazardous contractor supplies. No structures for equipment storage are proposed. Consistent with current operations, the site would have up to 10 employees and normal hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Project site is located at 4955 Lakeville Highway, Petaluma **APN 068-020-022, -023. Supervisorial District 2**

Parcel Zoning: Diverse Agriculture (DA) B6 30-acre density, Scenic Resource (SR), Mineral Resource (MR).

In accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, the County of Sonoma provides notice to agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND did not find potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The IS/MND is available at Permit Sonoma at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and on the Environmental Notice page of the Permit Sonoma website <https://permitsonoma.org/divisions/planning/environmentalnotices>.

WHERE & WHEN:

After the close of the IS/MND public review period, the Sonoma County Planning Commission is **tentatively** scheduled to hold a public hearing in **September of 2024** to consider the adoption of the IS/MND. A final hearing notice containing instructions on how to join the meeting in person or virtually via Zoom will be issued ten (10) days prior to the confirmed hearing date.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

Project materials and associated documents are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and digitally through the Project Planner, Robert Pennington at Robert.Pennington@sonoma-county.org or (707) 565-1352 and through Planner@sonoma-county.org. The IS/MND will also be made available on the Permit Sonoma Environmental Notice web site: <https://permitsonoma.org/divisions/planning/environmentalnotices>. Alternative record accommodations are available upon request.

GETTING INVOLVED:

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact the project planner listed above. The required 30-day public review period on the IS/MND is June 18, 2024 to July 18, 2024. Comments on the IS/MND must be received by July 18, 2024, **at 5:00PM**. All comments received after the review period will be included in the public record for consideration and provided to the decision-making body prior to or at the public hearing scheduled as above.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

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