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Robert Pennington, Professional Geologist
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Re: UPE10-0055 Lakeville Quarry Mining and Reclamation Plan – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Robert Pennington:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the UPE10-0055 Lakeville Quarry Mining and Reclamation Plan. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the July 2024 MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project will expand the project area from roughly 23 acres to 48.5 acres and allow for the removal of 4.56 million tons of rock material over a 20-year period. In addition, this application requests a revision to the existing Use Permit that allows the existing quarry floor to be used for contractor's heavy equipment storage. This project site is directly adjacent to State Route (SR)-116.

Hydrology

Please provide the Drainage Study and legible plan sheet(s) for review. The plan sheet attached to this document is not legible. The Drainage Study discussed in the document is not included.

Project Coordination

Coordination with a Caltrans project may be needed. Caltrans has proposed a safety project at the intersection of Lakeville Highway and Stage Gulch Road at post mile 39.3. The project proposes to construct a 180-foot inscribed circle-diameter roundabout centered 15-feet southeast of the existing intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2025, with the roundabout expected to be open to the public by summer 2026. It is expected that the project work can be completed using one-way traffic control or temporary concrete barriers and crash cushions.

Traffic Impact Fees

Caltrans commends the Lead Agency in recommending fair share traffic mitigation fees to address the project contribution toward impacts at the Lakeville Highway and Highway 116 intersection.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

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The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). Please note that the checklist TR-0416 is used to determine the appropriate Caltrans review process for encroachment projects. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Melissa Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luo Yunsheng'.

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Branch Chief, Local Development Review
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c: State Clearinghouse