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Project Title: Mojave Life of Mine Reclamation Plan Amendment Project by CalPortland Company (PP18108)
Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department **Contact Person:** Randall Cates
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City: Bakersfield **Zip:** 93301-2323 **County:** Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Tehachapi
Cross Streets: The project site straddles Tehachapi Willow Springs Road, is south of Oak Creek Road, with the majority of the site being on the east side of Tehachapi Willow Springs Road. The project site is approximately 6 miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi and 8.5 miles west of the unincorporated community of Mojave.
Lat. / Long.: 35° 2' 6.64214" N/ 118° 19' 4.63056" W Total Acres: Approximately 4,367 acres

Assessor's Parcel No.: 237-032-01, 237-053-01, 237-071-02, 237-071-03, 237-071-04, 237-071-07, 237-073-01, 237-073-02, 237-091-01, 237-091-02, 237-091-04, 237-091-05, 237-091-17, 237-093-01, 237-101-06, 237-102-01

Section: Sections 19 and 20 / Sections 13-15, 23-28, 33 and 34
Twp.: 11N Range: 13W / 14W Base: San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBB&M)
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: N/A Waterways: multiple ephemeral drainage features, including Oak Creek
Airports: N/A Railways: project site has direct railway access Schools: N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
 Other _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral: _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Reclamation

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Land Use
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Wind turbines, vested limestone and construction materials mining, processing, and cement production facility / *Zoning*: A (Exclusive Agriculture), A WE (Exclusive Agriculture, Wind Energy Combining), A-1 (Limited Agriculture), A-1 WE (Limited Agriculture, Wind Energy Combining), M-3 (Heavy Industrial), M-3 FP (Heavy Industrial, Floodplain Combining), M-3 WE (Heavy Industrial, Wind Energy Combining), E(20) RS (Estate – 20 acres, Residential Suburban Combining), NR(20) (Natural Resource – 20 acres), FPP (Floodplain Primary) / *Kern County General Plan*: 7.3 (Heavy Industrial), 7.3/2.4 (Heavy Industrial - Steep Slope), 7.3/2.5 (Heavy Industrial – Flood Hazard), 8.2 (Resource Reserve), 8.2/2.4 (Resource Reserve – Steep Slope), 8.4 (Mineral and Petroleum), 8.4/2.4 (Mineral and Petroleum – Steep Slope), 8.4/2.5 (Mineral and Petroleum – Flood Hazard), 8.5/2.4 (Resource Management – Steep Slope); *Cameron Canyon Specific Plan*: 8.2/2.5 (Resource Reserve – Flood Hazard), 8.4/2.4 (Mineral and Petroleum – Steep Slope), 8.4/2.6 (Mineral and Petroleum – Erosion Hazard)

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The proposed Mojave Life of Mine Reclamation Plan Amendment Project consists of reclamation activities within the approximately 4,367-acre project site located on 16 parcels, such as recontouring, stabilizing, revegetation, and monitoring of final slopes and disturbed mining areas; reclamation of roads and ancillary equipment and facilities; and removal of the processing and cement plant facilities. Although some reclamation activities are and would continue to be performed concurrent with ongoing mining and processing, reclamation activities for final site reclamation would occur after the completion of mining and processing operations.

On March 15, 2021, Kern County determined that mining and processing activities are a legal nonconforming (vested) use on approximately 6,658 acres of land owned by the project proponent, inclusive of the approximately 4,367 acres covered by the proposed project. As such, vested and continuing mining activities such as drilling, blasting, material recovery, material movement (with the exception of material movement pertaining to reclamation, e.g. redistribution of stockpiled growth media to aid in revegetation efforts), processing, cement production, and material transport for sale are not subject to discretionary approval by Kern County and are not part of the proposed project. The project proponent proposes to continue to develop its limestone and construction materials resources within the existing vested properties and to increase the life of the mine by approximately 200 years to continue cement and construction materials production. The proposed project would not involve changes to the existing vested mining operations including, for example, production levels, mining systems or processes, and ultimate throughput from the cement plant.

Reclamation of continued operations would require the County's approval of the proposed project which would amend the existing 1979 reclamation plan through approval of a reclamation plan applicable to approximately 4,367 acres of the vested properties. The proposed reclamation plan encompasses the approximately 1,542 acres currently subject to the 1979 reclamation plan and would add an additional approximately 2,825 acres to the reclamation plan boundary for a total of approximately 4,367 acres.

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| <u> </u> California Highway Patrol | <u> </u> Office of Public School Construction |
| <u> </u> CalFire | <u> </u> Parks & Recreation |
| <u> S </u> Caltrans District # <u>6 & 9</u> | <u> </u> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <u> </u> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <u> </u> Public Utilities Commission |
| <u> </u> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters) | <u> S </u> Regional WQCB # <u>Lahontan</u> |
| <u> </u> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <u> </u> Resources Agency |
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| <u> </u> Colorado River Board | <u> </u> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <u> S </u> Conservation, Department of | <u> </u> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <u> </u> Corrections, Department of | <u> </u> State Lands Commission |
| <u> </u> Delta Protection Commission | <u> </u> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <u> </u> Education, Department of | <u> </u> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <u> </u> Energy Commission | <u> </u> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <u> S </u> Fish & Game Region # <u>Fresno</u> | <u> </u> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <u> </u> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <u> </u> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <u> </u> General Services, Department of | <u> </u> Water Resources, Department of |
| <u> </u> Health Services, Department of | <u> S </u> Other <u>So. San Joaquin Arch. Info. Ctr.</u> |
| <u> </u> Housing & Community Development | <u> S </u> Other <u>CalGEM - Bakersfield</u> |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date August 28, 2024 Ending Date September 27, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
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Contact: _____	Phone: _____
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** August 28, 2024

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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.