

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH #2001082058)

NOTICE OF A VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING September 19, 2019, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Exhibit Room (first floor), 530 Water Street

Project Title: Eagle Rock Aggregates - Oakland Terminal Project

Project Sponsor: Eagle Rock Aggregates

<u>Project Location:</u> Submerged lands in the water area immediately adjacent to Berth 22 and approximately 20 acres of backlands behind and adjacent to Berths 20, 21, and 22 in the Port of Oakland (Port) - Oakland Army Base (OARB) Redevelopment Plan Area in Oakland, California.

Background: Eagle Rock Aggregates has existing marine terminal operations along the west coast of the United States and Canada, including existing operations within the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Eagle Rock Aggregates provides high-strength sand and aggregates that are generally used for construction projects, such as high-rise structures, sports stadiums, and transportation infrastructure. The sand and aggregates are sourced and processed in British Columbia, Canada. They are then loaded onto ocean-going vessels and transported to various destinations along the United States West Coast, including the Port of Long Beach and various locations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Eagle Rock Aggregates proposes to develop a marine terminal for the import, storage, and distribution of sand and aggregates in bulk at the Port. The proposed project, or Oakland Terminal, will occupy Berth 22 for vessel operations and approximately 20 acres for material stockpiling and distribution at the backlands of Berths 20, 21, and 22, all within the Outer Harbor Terminal in the Port's Oakland Army Base (OARB) Redevelopment Plan Area in Oakland, California. Similar to existing Eagle Rock Aggregates operations elsewhere, sand and aggregates will be offloaded from ocean-going vessels and conveyed to stockpiles using an overhead conveyor system. The sand and aggregates will then be (a) loaded from stockpiles to trucks using front-end loaders, weighed, and transported offsite to concrete ready mix plants and other regional destination facilities or (b) loaded from stockpiles to waterborne barges using front-end loaders and overhead conveyor system also for transport to other regional destination facilities.

Project Description (see figures): Eagle Rock Aggregates proposes to:

- Install electrical infrastructure, construct and install a receiving hopper and overhead conveyor system, install truck scales, install a scale house (two double-wide trailers), and make site entrance improvements;
- Operate a bulk marine terminal for sand and aggregates; receiving up to 48 ocean-going vessel calls per year¹ and up to 2,500,000 total tons of sand and aggregates per year; and
- Maintain sand and aggregate stockpiles of up to 25 feet in height with a maximum total storage capacity of 250,000 tons.

Environmental Review: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that the Port of Oakland (Port), as the Lead Agency with the principal responsibility for approving the project, conduct an environmental review of the project. The Oakland Army Base Area Redevelopment Plan Environmental Impact Report (2002 OARB EIR) described and disclosed the potential environmental consequences associated with adoption and implementation of the Oakland Army Base Redevelopment Plan (OARB Redevelopment Plan). That 2002 OARB EIR was certified by the City of Oakland as the lead agency in July 2002. In September 2002, the Board of Port Commissioners adopted CEQA Findings and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) of the City's 2002 OARB EIR as being applicable to projects within the Port jurisdiction of the OARB Redevelopment Plan area. The OARB Redevelopment Plan includes improvements intended to increase the efficiency of maritime operations to enable the Port to achieve its targeted capacity for cargo throughput.

The Port has determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the 2002 OARB EIR as Addended will be the required CEQA document for the project, per Sections 15162 and 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines. It is anticipated that the SEIR will discuss potentially significant environmental impacts related to Air Quality, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Transportation. It is anticipated that the project will not result in the need for supplemental review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 for Agricultural and Forest Resources, Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Land Use & Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation and Utilities and Service Systems.

¹ Eagle Rock Aggregates's existing operations include up to 48 ocean-going vessel trips to the San Francisco Bay each year. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in an increase in ocean-going vessel trips.

<u>Scoping:</u> The Port is issuing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to invite comments on the scope and content of the Draft SEIR. The scoping period begins on August 28, 2019. An Initial Study has not been prepared.

The Port is sending this to all interested parties and Responsible Agencies who will rely on the SEIR for their approval. When the Draft SEIR is published it will be sent to persons who respond to this NOP or otherwise indicate interest in the project. Responses to this NOP and any related questions or comments regarding the scope or content of the Draft SEIR should be submitted in writing to:

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Comments on the NOP must be received at the above mailing or email address before September 30, 2019. Please reference the project title, shown above, in all correspondence.

<u>Meeting Location:</u> Exhibit Room (first floor), Port Headquarters, located at 530 Water Street, Oakland, California.

<u>Note regarding Federal Requirements:</u> No federal funds will be used for construction of this project; thus this project is not subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f).

Figure 1. Project Location within Oakland



Figure 2. Oakland Terminal Project Site Eagle Rock Aggregates - Oakland Terminal Project Legend & Berth, 1,000 feet Site, 20 Acres Berth 22, vessel operations Berths 20, 21, and 22 backlands