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To Interested Parties:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY - COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SARGENT RANCH

QUARRY PROJECT

REVISED COMMENT PERIOD: 7/25/22 - 11/7/22

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the project described below:

Sargent Ranch Partners, LLC (Applicant) proposes to construct, operate for 30 years, and subsequently reclaim the Sargent Ranch Quarry Project on an approximately 403-acre site in Santa Clara County. The Project is a sand and gravel mining operation that includes an aggregate processing facility. The Project site is located in the Sargent Ranch property, approximately 4 miles south of the city of Gilroy and approximately 1 mile south of the U.S. 101 and Highway 25 interchange (APNs: 810-38-014; 810-38-016; 810-38-017). The mined material (sand and gravel aggregates) would be extracted in four phases over 30 years and would be transported off-site by a combination of truck and train hauling. Final reclamation of the last surface mining phase and the aggregate processing facility would occur at the end of the Project's life. The project requires adoption of a Reclamation Plan and issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the 30-year life of the quarry. The project site is not included on a "Cortese List" for hazardous waste sites.

The Project would have significant impacts for the following resource topics: aesthetics, air quality biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, paleontological resources, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and transportation.

The Draft EIR can be found on the project website:

https://plandev.sccgov.org/policies-programs/smara/sargent

Hard copies of the Draft EIR can be found at the following locations:

County of Santa Clara Department of Planning & Development 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor San Jose, CA 95110

Morgan Hill Public Library 660 West Main Avenue Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Gilroy Public Library 350 West 6th Street Gilroy, CA 95020

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Otto Lee, Susan Ellenberg, S. Joseph Simitian County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

Your comments regarding the significant environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR are welcome. Written comments, submitted to the Santa Clara County Department of Planning & Development by **Monday**, **November 7**, **2022**, **at 5:00 p.m.** will be included and responded to in the Final EIR. Please address comments to:

Robert Salisbury, Senior Planner sgtquarry.comments@pln.sccgov.org

A meeting to receive comments on the Draft EIR has been scheduled for **Thursday**, **August 25**, **2022 at 1:30 p.m.** before the County of Santa Clara Planning Commission. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956, this is notice that the meeting will be conducted by virtual teleconference only. Separate notice for this meeting will be provided in the near future.

The County is in the process of translating the draft EIR Executive Summary into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese and the County will issue notice when these translations are available for public review.