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Hi Kurt,
Something for the Carli Expansion project.
Thanks,
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ATTN: Tim Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has received and reviewed the **Notice of Preparation** for the **Carli Expansion Mining Use Permit Amendment** (Project) in Sacramento County. CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist the Lead Agency in

adequately identifying and, where appropriate, mitigating the project's significant or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife resources.

The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) is nearing implementation. As a Plan partner with a project in the Plan area, the EIR should analyze the project description to determine whether the Project includes covered activities. If the Project does include covered activities, please ensure that EIR is consistent with the SSHCP.

In addition to the SSHCP, CDFW is concerned with potential impacts to sensitive habitats at the project site. Vernal pools, seasonal wetlands, and seasonal drainages make up the surrounding landscape and are particularly vulnerable to disturbances caused by mining. CDFW recommends that the EIR adequately address these impacts on the project site and in the vicinity of the project site. The EIR should identify habitats to be filled/mined or have the potential to be impacted by sedimentation, haul trucks, etc. and downstream hydrologic impacts.

To identify a correct environmental baseline, the EIR should include a complete and current analysis of the likelihood of presence of endangered, threatened, candidate, locally unique, and locally specific species potentially present in or near the project area. CDFW has identified several species that could be significantly impacted by project activities and as such, recommends specific analysis to properly assess adverse effects in addition to the holistic assessment above. These species include: Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*), Western Spadefoot Toad (*Spea hammondi*), and Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*).

Notification to CDFW is required, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 if a project proposes activities that will substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of water; substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel or bank of any river, stream, or lake; or deposit or dispose of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake. Mining activities at the project location may be subject to Notification under Fish and Game Code section 1602. CDFW recommends that the EIR include analysis of the project's impacts to aquatic and/or riparian habitats and disclose whether or not a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement will be obtained to comply with Fish and Game Code section 1602.

I am available for consultation regarding biological resources and strategies to minimize and/or mitigate impacts. Please see below:

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the project that may affect California fish and wildlife.

Sincerely,

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