

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019049052

Project Title: Deer Creek Mine Expansion

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

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Project Location: Visalia, Tulare County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project consists of a ±20-acre expansion to the footprint and operations of the existing and currently operational Deer Creek Mine facility. The Applicant, Deer Creek Rock Co., Inc. currently operates a rock and gravel surface mining operation on a ±110-acre site. The Applicant is requesting to increase its transport limitation from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 tons of aggregate annually. The proposed Project would result in an increase from 42,300 trips per year to a maximum of 60,000 trips per year (i.e., an increase of 17,700 trips per year). This will require approximately three (3) additional employees, resulting in a workforce of approximately 30 employees (20 in first shift and 10 in second shift). The customer base from the proposed Project is anticipated to remain mostly from within Tulare County. The Applicant is proposing to increase production of the existing mining permit and will include both lateral and depth expansion. All proposed mining activities will take place within the proposed excavation area. As a condition of the permit, and since the proposed Project is in the AE-40, reclamation of the site will result in the property being reclaimed to grazing/open space standards for eventual agricultural re-use. A current, approved Reclamation Plan is on file with Tulare County.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality: Reduce emissions from off-road equipment, compliance with EPA Tier 4 Interim or Tier 4 Nox emissions standards, road pavement (site entrance on Deer Creek Road), applying water to unpaved haul roads.

Biological Resources: Avoidance, pre-construction surveys, buffers.

Cultural Resources: Suspension of construction related activities, qualified archaeologist/paleontologist making site assessment and recommendations accordingly, compliance with Section 7050.5 of the California and Safety Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5.

Geology and Soils: Suspension of construction related activities, qualified paleontologist making site assessment and recommendations accordingly.

Transportation: Equitable Fair Share Responsibility.

Tribal Cultural Resources: Suspension of construction related activities, qualified archaeologist/paleontologist making site assessment and recommendations accordingly, compliance with Section 7050.5 of the California and Safety Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no know controversies at the moment.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

*Air Resources Board	*San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
*California Department of Transportation District 6	*Tulare County Fire Warden
*California Department of Conservation	*Tulare County Resources Conservation District
*Fish & Wildlife Region #4	*Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension
*California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection	*Tulare County RMA Public Works
*California Department of General Services	
*California Native American Heritage Commission	
*California Office of Historic Preservation	
*California Public Utilities Commission	
*Regional Water Quality Control Board #5F (attn:Doug Patteson)	
*California Natural Resources Agency	
*State Water Resources Control Board (Water Quality)	
*California Department of Toxic Substances Control	
*California Recycling and Recovery	
*Naval Facilities Engineering Command	
*US. Department of Agriculture (NRCS)	
*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
*Tulare County Association of Governments	
*Tulare County Farm Bureau	
*Tulare County RMA Fire	
*Tulare County HHS - Environmental Health	
*Tulare County Office of Emergency Services	
*Tulare County Sheriff's Office	
*Tulare County RMA Flood	