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SCH #

Project Title: Byron Sand Mine Maria South Amendment

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City: <u>Martinez</u> Zip: <u>94553</u>	County: <u>Contra Costa</u>

Project Location: County: Contra Costa City/Nearest Community: Byron

Cross Streets: Vasco Road/Camino Diablo Road Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: 80

Assessor's Parcel No.: 002-200-022 Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____

Airports: Byron Airport Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
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Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
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<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Land Use Permit/Reclamation Plan</u>

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral <u>silica/sand</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
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Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Contra Costa County GP - AL (Agricultural Lands) Zoning - A-3 (Heavy Agricultural)

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

See attached pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Division of Mine Reclamation</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>California State Mining and Geology Board</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 17, 2020

Ending Date May 18, 2020

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Date: April 16, 2020

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

SECTION 1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Summary

Project Title/Purpose:

Byron Sand Mine Maria South Amendment

The Project will modify the land use permit and reclamation plan for an existing sand mine. The existing permitted Byron Sand Mine operations encompass approximately 1,367 acres, with 966 acres owned by G3 Enterprises and 401 acres leased from adjacent landowners. The Byron Sand Mine Maria South Amendment (Proposed Project) would amend Land Use Permit #2078-91 and the Byron Mine Reclamation Plan to permit mine operations on the proposed Maria South quarry site. The proposed Maria South quarry would allow sand excavation on 15 acres of the project site adjacent to the existing, operational Evo-East quarry, thus expanding the approved Evo-East pit to the southeast, creating a single 50-acre contiguous quarry footprint. An additional 5 acres is proposed for storage of topsoil and overburden to be used for future reclamation activities. The project would also create a new 60-acre conservation easement. Mined sand will be quarried with scrapers or excavators/haul trucks, transported to the existing feed hopper at the Evo-East pit where it will be combined with water and converted to slurry. The sand slurry would then be hydraulically transported to the Byron Sand Mine processing plant, and ultimately transported from the facility by truck to customers in the same manner as sand currently being mined. No modifications to the Evo-East hopper or slurry-transport facilities are needed, and there will be no increase in daily or annual truck traffic. Proposed mining operations for the Maria South Amendment will be consistent with existing operations and would result in no increase in daily or annual mine throughput. Compared to the existing entitlements, the primary change would be a 20-acre increase in disturbed area and an approximately six-year extension in the Byron Sand Mine's current operational life. Whereas the existing LUP specifies an expiration date of 2026 for mining operations at the Byron Sand Mine, the County no longer imposes expiration dates on land use permits. Land use entitlements run with the land until the use is discontinued. As noted, based on the estimated volume of saleable material on the Maria South site, mining operations

at the Byron Sand Mine would be extended by approximately six years with approval of the Proposed Project.

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Project Location: The Project site is located approximately 1.8 miles southeast of the Vasco Road/Camino Diablo Road intersection and 1.3 miles west of Byron, an unincorporated community of Contra Costa County; Assessor Parcel No. 002-200-022. (see **Figure 1-1. Project Location and Vicinity**).

General Plan Designation: The Project Site is designated AL (Agricultural Lands) in the County General Plan.

Zoning: The Project Site is zoned A-3 (Heavy Agricultural).