

## COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)/NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Cove Borrow Pit

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the Cove Borrow Pit Mine Reclamation Plan.

Project Title: Cove Borrow Pit

Project No.: PROJ-2020-0017

Project Location: South of Cove Road between Banta Road and Baker Road, Community of Lucerne

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**Project Description:** San Bernardino County, DPW is submitting an application for a Conditional Use Permit and a Mine Reclamation Plan for the Cove Borrow Pit. The purpose of this application is to permit the Cove Borrow Pit on approximately 36 acres for a 100-year period to provide general fill material for various DPW Sites for annual maintenance and/or emergency repairs. DPW is proposing to mine 14.7 acres on the mostly undisturbed hillside slopes in the southwest portions of the site to annually remove up to 1,000 cy. The reclaimed end use of the Project Site is proposed to be a DPW material maintenance and storage yard.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

Land Use Services Department - Planning Division 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

You may obtain the document in electronic format at <a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/desert.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/desert.aspx</a> or by emailing the Planner at <a href="mailto:Steven.Valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov">Steven.Valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov</a>. To request a PDF version of the document from the Land Use Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period on the IS/ND closes on **July 9, 2020 at 4:30 PM.** Please submit comments to Steven.Valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov or to:

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