

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / NEGATIVE DECLARATION Black Mountain Quarry Amended Mining Reclamation Plan

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Negative Declaration (IS/ND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the Black Mountain Quarry proposed amended Mining Reclamation Plan

Project Title: Black Mountain Quarry Amended Reclamation Plan

Project No.: PRAA-2021-00033

Project Location: 10 miles Northeast of Apple Valley adjacent to Victorville Cement Plant

Project Description: Amended Mine Reclamation Plan for the Black Mountain Quarry to incorporate the adjacent White Mountain Quarry and the new Ballast Quarry. The existing quarries consist of approximately 321 disturbed acres. The proposed revision will include an additional 303 acres for the overall Black Mountain Quarry and 117 acres for the new Ballast Quarry. Buffer areas around the quarries and soil overburden stockpiles make up an additional 155 acres for a total plan area of approximately 896 acres.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration\ Initial Study (MND/IS) 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 http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Desert.aspx or by emailing the Planner at reuben.arceo@lus.sbcounty.gov. 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 commences on **January 7**, **2022** and closes on **February 7**, **2022** at **4:30 PM.** Please submit comments to <u>reuben.arceo@lus.sbcounty.gov</u> or to:

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