



Land Use Services Department Planning

Tom Hudson
Director

October 27, 2014

To: Interested Parties

RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR OMYA INC. WHITE KNOB/WHITE RIDGE LIMESTONE QUARRY EXPANSION PROJECT (State Clearinghouse Number 2013061020)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the OMYA Inc. White Knob/White Ridge Limestone Quarry Expansion project is available for public review and comment. The purpose of the document is to identify and describe the probable environmental impacts that would result from the proposed project on approximately 375.1 acres. OMYA Inc. has proposed an Amended Mine and Reclamation Plan for expansion of the existing White Knob/White Ridge Limestone Quarries, located in the San Bernardino Mountains north of Lucerne Valley. The Amended Plan would increase the operational life of the quarry by 24 years from the existing permit expiration date of 2031 to the year 2055. The Amended Plan includes the existing White Knob Quarry and White Knob Annex, the approved White Ridge Quarry, the existing Overburden Site, the proposed Overburden Sites #2 and #3, and other ancillary disturbance areas, including haul roads and sediment basins. The post-mining use is proposed as open space and wildlife habitat. The project incorporates reclamation requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) as well as the County's surface mining and land reclamation ordinance (County Code Section 88.03.000).

This document has been prepared to meet the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIR has been prepared under the supervision of the County of San Bernardino Land Use Services Department, and is being circulated to the public and interested agencies in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

The Draft EIR and appendices are posted on the County web page at: <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Mountain.aspx>
You will find the OMYA White Knob/White Ridge project documents listed, then you may click on each link you wish to view.

The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department, 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345
- San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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- Lucerne Valley Janice Horst Branch Library, 33103 Old Woman Springs Road, Lucerne Valley, CA 92356. Call (760) 248-7521 for hours.

The public comment period will end on **December 15, 2014**. Comments and questions should be directed to Carrie Hyke, District Planner, Land Use Services Department, Planning Division, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187. For further information, please contact me by telephone: (909) 387-5530, or by email at Carrie.Hyke@sdd.sbcounty.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Hyke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Carrie Hyke, District Planner