

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Lynx Cat Mountain Quarry Expansion

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

Project Title: Lynx Cat Mountain Quarry Expansion

Project No.: PROJ-2024-00173

Project Location: 19120 Linx Cat Rd, Hinkley, CA 92347

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 0496-011-75 & 0496-011-76

Project Description: The applicant proposes a Conditional Use Permit for Reclamation Revision to continue the mining operation for an additional 50 years with an expansion of the quarry from 48.2 acres to 161.7 acres. Expansion of the quarry would consist of 33.5 acres to the north of the current mining operation on the same property (APN 0496-011-75) and on an 80 acres portion of the adjacent parcel (0496-011-76) to the west for a total quarry size 161.7 acres. The quarry depth is proposed to be increased from 250 to 500 feet below the ground surface (bgs), with the average pit floor depth being +/- 485 feet bgs. Additionally, expansion of crushing, screening, processing, and product stockpile areas is proposed on an additional 80 acres portion west of the expanded 161.7 acres quarry area. This 80 acres portion is west of, and on, the same parcel (0496-011-76) as the 80 acres quarry expansion area.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:

The document meets the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Interested parties can view the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist and supporting documentation online at: <u>https://lus.sbcounty.gov/planning-home/environmental/desert-region/</u> and the following offices:

High Desert Government Center Land Use Services – Planning Division 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131 Hesperia, CA 92345 San Bernardino Government Center Land Use Services – Planning Division 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

The comment period on the IS/MND begins on ___04/25/2025, and closes on 05/27/2025

Please submit comments to derek.newland@lus.sbcounty.gov or to:

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