

#### **ROCKFIELD MODIFICATION PROJECT**

EIR 7763, UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NOS. 3666 AND 3667



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## **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS**



#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: INTRODUCTION**

- The Fresno County Zoning Ordinance requires a Conditional Use Permit
   (CUP) for certain use of land or types of businesses which are not allowed
   as a matter of right in a particular zone district.
- Approval of a CUP requires a public hearing before the Planning
  Commission. Notice of the hearing is mailed to all surrounding property
  owners within 600 feet or one-quarter mile of the project site (depending
  on urban or rural setting). For this project, notices were sent to property
  owners within one mile of the project site.



#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: PROCESS**

- After the applications for the CUP and environmental documents are
  accepted and determined to be complete, the applications are routed to
  County Departments and various other agencies for review. Following the
  Intra agency comment period, staff conducts the Environmental Review and
  reviews the application to determine if the findings required to grant a CUP
  can be made. These findings are as follows:
  - that the site of the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the use and all yards, spaces, walls, and fences, parking, loading, landscaping, and other features required by the use;
  - that the site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways adequate in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and kind of traffic generated by the proposed use;
  - that the proposed use will have no adverse effect on abutting property and surrounding neighborhood or the permitted use thereof; and
  - > that the proposed use is consistent with the Fresno County General Plan.

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:** PROCESS (CONTINUED)

- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Process
  - Application
  - Agency Completeness Review
  - CEQA Review Process
  - Planning Commission Hearing
  - (Appeal only) Board of Supervisors Hearings(s)



## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

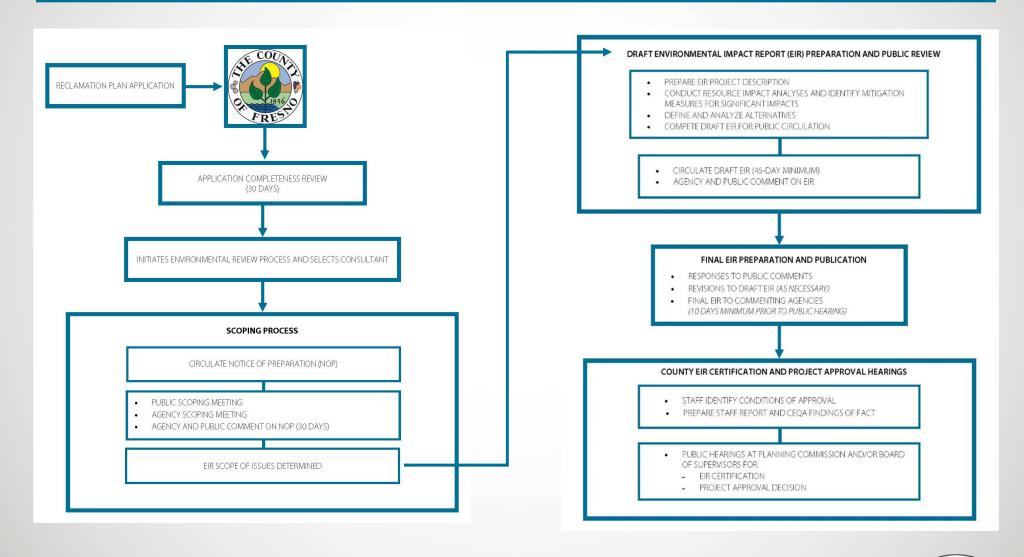


## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: INTRODUCTION

- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) generally requires state and local government agencies to inform decision makers and the public about the potential environmental impacts of proposed projects, and to reduce those environmental impacts to the extent feasible.
- Purpose of CEQA
  - Information Disclosure
  - Identify environmental impacts
  - Incorporate alternatives or apply mitigation measures that avoid or lessen impacts when feasible
  - Encourage public participation and disclose reasoning behind decision-making.



## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: CEQA PROCESS FLOWCHART



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**



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- Notice of Preparation/ Public Scoping Meeting
  - > June 24, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. using the Zoom webinar format
  - Please use the following link to join the meeting on a computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84376983828
  - Or dial in by phone using any of the following numbers: +1 (669) 900 6833,
     +1 (253) 215 8782, +1 (346) 248 7799, +1 (301) 715 8592, +1 (312) 626
     6799, or +1 929 205 6099
  - Webinar ID: 843 7698 3828
- Publication of Draft EIR
  - Public meeting for comments on the Draft EIR
- Notice of Public Hearing/Publication of Final EIR Comment Period
- Planning Commission and possibly Board of Supervisors Hearing(s)
- Submit comments at any time during the process by email to cmonfette@fresnocountyca.gov. More options to comment at the end of this presentation.

## **EIR AND SCOPING PROCESS**



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- The purpose of the scoping process is to identify public and agency concerns, clearly define environmental issues and alternatives, identify related issues, and identify state and local agency requirements that must be addressed in the EIR.
- Following the public scoping process, a Draft EIR will be prepared and made available for public review and comment on the following page:
  - http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/EIR



# ABOUT THE PROJECT: ROCKFIELD MODIFICATION PROJECT (EIR 7763)

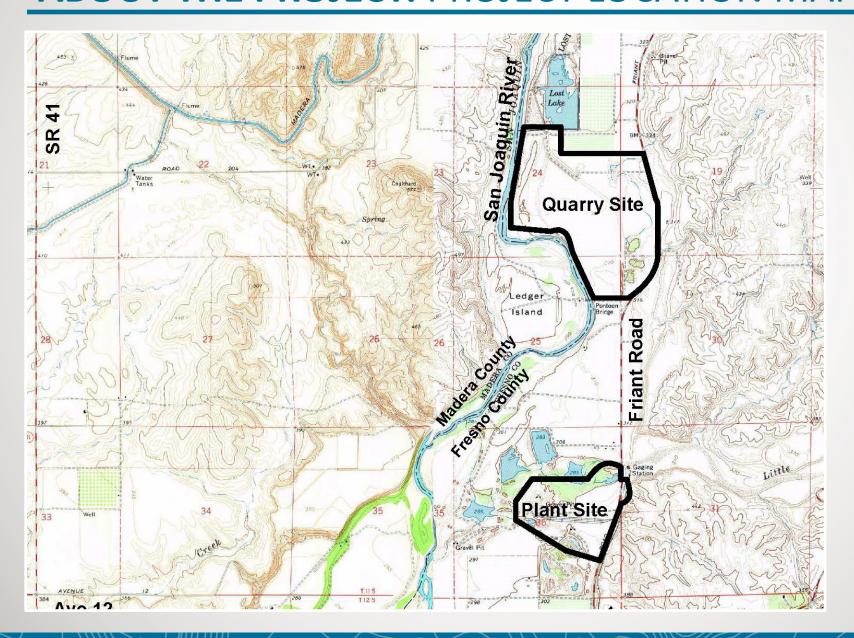


#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT: SUMMARY**

- The Project includes the following two project life stages that are estimated to span 100 years.
  - Stage 1: Mining Deeper at Quarry Site and Continue to Process at the Plant Site (approximately 30 years)
  - Stage 2: Continue to Mine deeper at Quarry Site, Mine the Plant Site and Relocate the Plant Facilities to Quarry Site (approximately 70 years following Stage 1, for a total of 100 years)

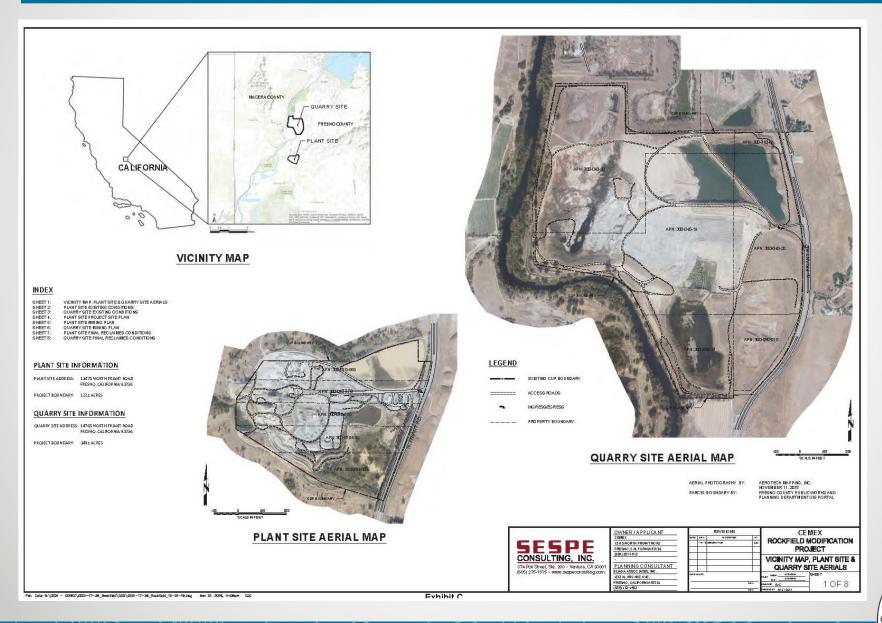


#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT: PROJECT LOCATION MAP**





#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT: EXISTING CONDITIONS**



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## ROCKFIELD MODIFICATION PROJECT (EIR 7763): STAGE 1



#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT: STAGE 1**

- Continue concurrent operations at both the Quarry Site and the Plant Site for up to 30 years.
- At the Plant Site, the existing aggregate processing plant would continue to be used to wash, screen, crush, and sort aggregate mined on site.
- At the Quarry Site, the hard rock deposit that lies beneath the alluvial deposit currently being mined would be mined. Excavation of the hard rock would require drilling and blasting and would occur to a depth of approximately 600-feet below ground surface (bgs).
- An aggregate processing plant would be added to the Quarry Site to wash, screen, crush, and sort the hard rock mined on site.



#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT:** STAGE 1 (continued)

- Aggregate products produced at the Quarry Site used at the asphalt and ready-mix plants at the Plant Site would be transported approximately 2 miles south to the Plant Site via Friant Road in the same manner as the raw aggregate currently being transported from the Quarry Site to the Plant Site for existing operations.
- Other aggregate products produced at the Quarry site not used by the asphalt and ready-mix plants at the Plant Site would be sold directly from the quarry.
- The existing asphalt plant at the Plant Site would be replaced with a modern Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) plant.
- Periodic use of a portable crushing plant to recycle come-back concrete would continue with the addition of asphalt recycling and import of concrete debris to recycle into crushed miscellaneous base (CMB) and asphalt debris to be recycled asphalt product (RAP).

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT:** STAGE 1 (continued)

- Mine the remaining alluvial deposit at the Plant Site to a depth of approximately 85-feet below ground surface (bgs).
- Relocation of the plant operations at the Plant Site to the Quarry Site in less than 30 years to recover the alluvial deposit beneath the plant site.
- Upon approval of project permits, the combined annual sales of aggregate from both sites is estimated to ramp up from the 1.4 MT allowed under the current permits to 2.0 MT in approximately five years and up to 3.0 MT in approximately 10 years.
- When mining is complete at the Plant Site, reclamation would consist
  of approximately 122 acres of open space, riparian, and open water
  wildlife habitat.



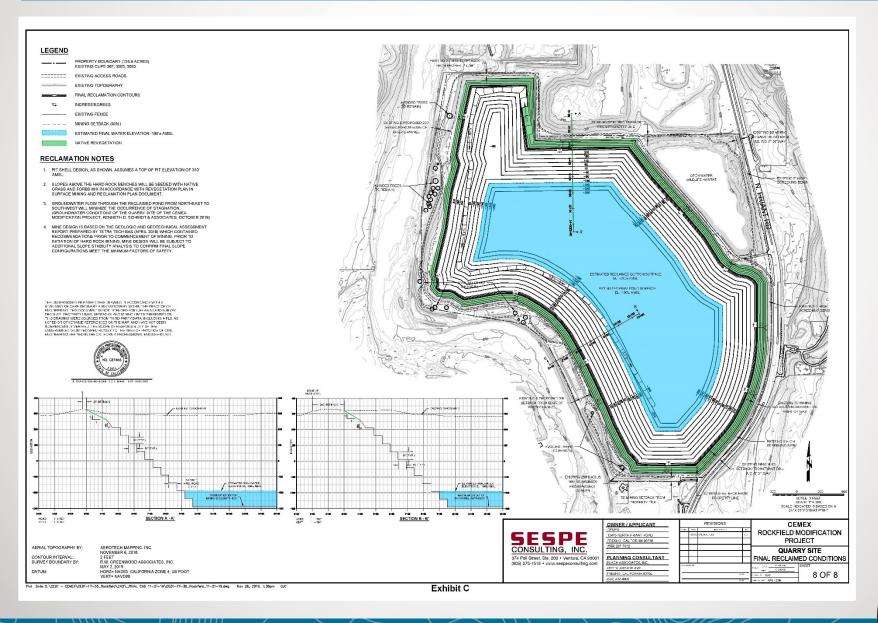
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#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT: STAGE 2**

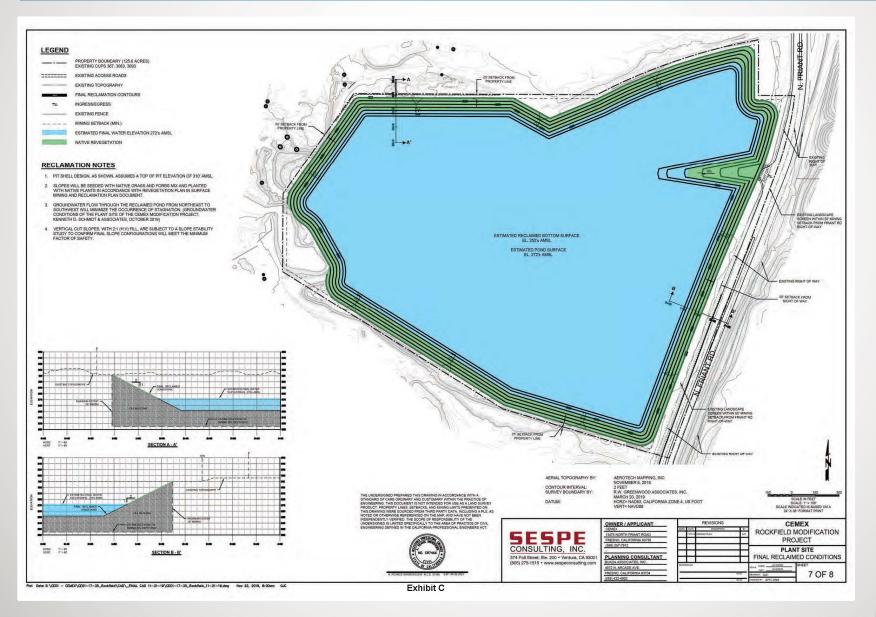
- Continue hard rock mining and processing operations only at the Quarry Site for approximately 70 more years (for a total of 100 years).
   The ready-mix concrete plant and the hot-mix asphalt plant would be relocated from the Plant Site to the Quarry Site.
- The periodic use of a portable plant to recycle concrete and asphalt debris (including imported) into CMB and RAP would be added to the Quarry Site.
- All aggregate products produced at the Quarry site would be used by the on-site asphalt and ready-mix plants or sold directly from the Quarry Site. The interplant haul would cease.
- Stage 2 operations are estimated to have annual aggregate sales of 3.0 MT.
- Reclamation of the Quarry Site would result in approximately 349 acres of open space, riparian, and open water wildlife habitat.

## **ABOUT THE PROJECT:** STAGE 2 (continued) QUARRY SITE RECLAMATION PLAN



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## **ABOUT THE PROJECT:** STAGE 2 (continued) PLANT SITE RECLAMATION PLAN





## **EIR SCHEDULE**



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- Application Submission—December 2019
- Notice of Preparation of EIR—June 2020
- Agency Scoping Meeting—June 22, 2020
- Public Scoping Meeting—June 24, 2020
- Prepare Draft EIR—May–October 2020
- Publish Draft EIR—January 2020
- Publish Final EIR—June 2021
- Planning Commission and possibly Board of Supervisors Hearing(s) and Approval; Final EIR Certification—August 2021



### **COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION**



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- The Applicant's project description and site plans, as well as a location maps, technical studies (following the County's peer review), and the surface mining and reclamation plan are available for review at the following location:
  - Fresno County website: http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/EIR

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