



# County of Fresno

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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project (EIR No. 7763 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667)

**SUMMARY:** The County of Fresno (County) is issuing this Notice of Availability (Notice) to advise other agencies and the public that the County has prepared a Draft EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Rockfield Quarry Modification Project (Project) within a portion of unincorporated Fresno County, California (see APNs and Longitude and Latitude listed below). As the local land use authority, Fresno County authorizes mining activities on unincorporated lands through the issuance of Conditional Use Permits and approval of Reclamation Plans pursuant to Section 858 of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance.

CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific LLC (the "Applicant") has applied to the County for two Unclassified Conditional Use Permits (CUP Application Nos. 3666 and 3667) to allow the Rockfield Quarry a continuation and modification of its current aggregate (rock, sand, and gravel) mining and processing operations. The project is located at two separate sites approximately two miles apart. The first, the Plant Site, is located on the west side of North Friant Road between North Willow Avenue and Little Dry Creek, and the second, the Quarry Site, is located on the west side of North Friant Road between Bluff View Avenue and Lost Lake Road. The County is the lead agency for preparation of the EIR (EIR No. 7763) for this project and is issuing this Notice pursuant to Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs):**

**Plant Site APNs:** 300-070-56S, 300-070-57S, 300-070-58S, 300-070-59S, and 300-070-60S (Latitude: 36°55'44" N / Longitude: 119°44'12" W)

**Quarry Site APNs:** 300-040-19, 300-040-20, 300-080-01S, 300-250-12, and 300-310-01 (portion) (Latitude: 36°57'20" N / Longitude: 119°44'00" W)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Applicant is requesting the continuation and modification of its current aggregate (rock, sand, and gravel) mining and processing operations. The Project includes the following two project life stages that are estimated to span 100 years:

**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 to be mined on site.
- 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 the 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).
- 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 deposit beneath the plants.
- Upon approval of project permits, the combined annual sales of aggregate from both sites are 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 completed at the Plant Site, reclamation would consist of approximately 122 acres of open space, riparian and open water wildlife habitat.

**Stage 2:**

- Continue hard rock mining and processing operations only at the Quarry Site for approximately 70 more 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 create approximately 349 acres of open space, riparian and open water wildlife habitat.

**SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Draft EIR identified the following significant and unavoidable impacts. All remaining impacts would be significant or potentially significant prior to the implementation of mitigation measures but would be reduced to less than significant levels with mitigation applied.

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources: The project would have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista and would substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the project sites from two locations. Mitigation would require the exposed rock of the quarry pit wall to be stained to reduce contrast and visibility.
- Transportation: The project would cause traffic delays at two intersections which cannot be fully mitigated due to the availability of funding for necessary improvements.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft EIR and all supporting technical and reference documents are available for review at the following locations:

- **Fresno County Planning and Land Use Division:** 2220 Tulare St., 6th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721
- **CEQAnet Web Portal (SCH #2020060123):** <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>
- **Fresno County Website (Cemex Rockfield Expansion):** <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/eir7763>

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** The County, at the date and time listed below, will hold a public informational meeting to provide information about the project, the availability of the Draft EIR, the public review processes, and information on when and how the public may comment on the Draft EIR and/or approval of the land use approval applications for the Project. The meeting is not with any approving authorities such as the Planning Commission

or Board of Supervisors, is not a public hearing, and there will not be any decisions made, or testimony taken for the public record. Staff will not respond to questions or assertions about the particulars of the project, it is solely to provide information to the public on how to participate in the processes. Responses to questions will be limited to where and what information is available and how the public may receive future information and submit comments on the project for the public record.

**Date:** Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Web Access:** The meeting will be held using the Zoom webinar format. Please use the following link to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85175151999>

*Or dial in by phone using any of the following numbers:*

+1 (669) 900-6833, +1 (669) 444-9171, +1 (253) 215-8782, +1 (346) 248-7799, or  
+1 (719) 359-4580

**Webinar ID:** 851 7515 1999

**International numbers available:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdTfwcOdrX>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Due to the time limits mandated by state law, public agencies are requested to send their responses to this Notice to the County at the address provided below beginning on January 2, 2025. **Members of the general public should provide comments on the Draft EIR by 5:00 PM on February 17, 2025.** Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent by 5:00 PM on February 17, 2025, to the following address:

David Randall, Senior Planner  
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*Or via e-mail with subject line "CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project EIR" to:*  
[tmtunga@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:tmtunga@fresnocountyca.gov)

**This Notice supersedes all previous Notices of Availability.** Requests to be provided future public notices for this project may be sent to the same email or address above.

Following the public review and comment period, the County will respond to all written and oral comments received on the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR. The responses and any other revisions to the Draft EIR will be prepared as a response-to-comments document. The Draft EIR and its appendices, together with the response-to-comments document, will constitute the Final EIR for the proposed project. As required by CEQA (Section 21092.5), the Final EIR, including written responses to the comments submitted by public agencies, will be available at least 10 days prior to certification.