

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING ALAN WEAVER Director

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE KINGS RIVER SAND & GRAVEL QUARRY PROJECT (UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3052)

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), notice is hereby given that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) has been prepared for the Kings River Sand and Gravel Quarry Project, Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (U)CUP No. 3052, and is available for review.

Fresno County, the lead agency under CEQA, will consider new (U)CUP Application No. 3052 for the Kings River Sand and Gravel Project that would replace the now expired (U)CUP Application No. 2765, for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was certified in 1999 pursuant to CEQA (14 California Code of Regulations and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375).

Calaveras Materials Incorporated (CMI) is proposing a sand and gravel (aggregate) extraction and processing facility, and a reclamation plan. A total of 315 acres of the 457 acre site is proposed for mining. The project proposes an annual production of one (1) million tons of aggregate per year. The Kings River Sand and Gravel project site is located in an unincorporated area of south-central Fresno County, California, southeast of the cities of Fresno and Sanger. The project site consists of an irregularly shaped area of 457 acres bounded by Goodfellow Avenue on the north, Cameron Slough on the east, the Kings River on the south, and the Riverbend Alignment on the west.

The DSEIR reflects changes in the project description subsequent to the certification of the EIR in 1999 and focuses on resource topics with potential impact changes, in light of the new project and (U)CUP application. The following topics have been determined to require additional study or analysis in the DSEIR because of the criteria set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15163: 1) Aesthetics / Visual Resources, 2) Air Quality, 3) Land Use, 4) Noise, 5) Traffic, 6) Growth Inducing Impacts, and 7) Cumulative Impacts.

The 45-day comment period begins May 24, 2007 and ends July 7, 2007. A copy of the DSEIR and original EIR is available at each of the following locations: (1) Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno; CA; (2) the Fresno County Main Library, Reference Department, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno; CA; 3) Fresno County Library, Sanger Branch, 1812 Seventh Street, Sanger; CA; and 4) on the Fresno County website: http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/4510/4360/environmental/DevsServs-Environmental.pdf

A public meeting will be held to receive comments on the DSEIR at 6:00 pm, Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the Sanger High School Multi-Purpose Room, located at 1045 Bethel Avenue, Sanger, CA 93657. Written comments on the DSEIR will be accepted until July 7, 2007. Comments referencing "Kings River Sand and Gravel Quarry Project" should be addressed to:

Briza Sholars, Planner Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department Environmental Analysis Unit 2220 Tulare Street - 6th Floor Fresno, CA 93721

Please reference: (U)CUP 3052 and DSEIR for the Kings River Sand and Gravel Quarry Project and include with your response the name and phone number. Persons with questions or requests for a public hearing notice may call Briza Sholars at (559) 262-4454 or email at <u>bsholars@co.fresno.ca.us</u>



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