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Re: El Monte Preserve Sand Mine -PDS2015-MUP-98-014W2 – Scoping Comments

Mr. Hingtgen,

Here is a list of things that I would like to be evaluated in the Draft EIR for this project.

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Scoping Comments

Air Quality

Will the impact of the emissions from haul-trucks waiting in a queue to make the left turn into the project, and at the intersection of Lake Jennings Park Road and El Monte Road be analyzed in this report?

Will locations where heavy traffic could cause elevated carbon monoxide concentration, e.g., intersections, road segments, or parking areas be analyzed in this report?

Wildland Fire Hazard

Will this project impair implementation of, or physically interfere with an emergency evacuation?
Will this project expose people or structures to significant risk of loss, injury or death involving a wildland fire?

What is this project's proximity to areas subject to a wildland fire hazard or areas designated on local plans as severe or high risk hazard?

What is the extent to which the construction could interfere with emergency response times?

Proper Maintenance of Trucks and Equipment and CARB's 5 minute idling rule

How will it be determined that the haul-trucks and construction equipment are properly maintained to the expected standard? How will that be monitored throughout the project?

How will CARB's 5-minute diesel idling rule be monitored and enforced?

Mineral Resources

Blossom Valley Subdivision- Is boundary of this subdivision which is closest to the published MRZ2 zone for this project within the 1300' location limit which would make this resource unavailable?

Are there any other residential subdivisions which encroach on the MRZ2 zone to be used by this project?

Public Services - Fire Protection

There is no published emergency evacuation plan.

El Monte Valley appears to have only one primary two-lane access road which is El Monte Road. Willow Road, is a secondary access road by default. It is a dead-end dirt road in the El Monte Valley which can only be accessed from El Monte Road by cutting through private property.

There is no secondary access road for this project which the fire code requires.

In addition, the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink transmission towers, inhibit and/or prohibit aerial support for fighting fires in the El Monte Valley.

How will people be evacuated from this valley in a wildland fire which most often originates in the East?

How will queues of haul trucks and their trailers waiting on El Monte Road affect an emergency evacuation?

Will the Sheriffs' Department and CHP be consulted on the emergency evacuation plan for El Monte Valley?

Utilities, Energy, and Service Systems

What will be the effect/impact of this project on existing wells and septic systems?

Will a current baseline level for existing wells in the vicinity be established?

Will the ground water level be monitored as the project proceeds?

If the groundwater drops below a specific level will the project be halted?

If there are not sufficient water supplies will the project be halted?

Transportation/Traffic

How will the queuing of haul-trucks and their trailers affect the traffic flow on El Monte Road? The left turn lane looks to be about 150' and one truck plus trailer looks to be about 67' long. That makes two trucks tightly fitted within the left turn lane with any others in line blocking the regular lane of traffic. A similar scenario can be anticipated at the Lake Jennings Park and El Monte Road intersection.

There will be 461 ADTs. The company providing the trucks, West Coast Sand & Gravel, is sited on Hwy 67. What is the exact route(s) they will be using to access the project site? Will the project be held to their identification of those routes? What is the cumulative effect of those identified routes on other projects? What is the effect of this project on the LOS levels of those routes?

Will these impacts result in inadequate emergency access?

Cumulative Impacts – Evaluate Past, Present, and Probable Future Projects

East County Sand Mine - PDS2009-3300-09-016

Hanson Pond – PDS2014-LDGRMJ-00012

Lakeside/East County Equestrian Center at corner of Willow Road and Moreno Avenue

OCI Solar Farm – PDS2014- MUP 14-044

El Monte Park

Any other projects and/or activities in the vicinity. past, present, or probable.