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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

STATEMENT OF REASONS TO PERMIT PROPOSED USE AND EXTINGUISH ACCESS TO MINERAL RESOURCES OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2762 OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

August 30, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating for public review a draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project(s). This draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report(s) can be reviewed on the World Wide Web at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html, at the Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123 and at the public library(ies) listed below. Comments on this draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report(s) must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project numbers and name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating a Draft Subsequent EIR and Reclamation Plan for the El Monte Sand Mining Project on a project site that currently contains lands classified by the Mineral Resource Zone (MRZ) system. Section 2762 of the California Public Resources Code requires the County of San Diego, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, to prepare a statement specifying the County's reasons for permitting a proposed use in an area that contains mineral resource deposits of regional or statewide significance. In addition to public review circulation, this statement of reasons must be provided to the State Geologist and the State Mining and Geology Board for review and Comment. The proposed Statement of Reasons and the associated project description can be reviewed at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html, Planning and Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92123 and at the public library(ies) listed below.

PDS2015-MUP-98-014W2, PDS-2015-RP-15-001, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-98-14-016B; SCH NO. 2015081025; EL MONTE SAND MINING PROJECT. The proposed project would extract 12.5 million tons of PCC-grade construction sand and gravel over a 12-year period from a 479.5-acre site in the El Monte Valley that includes the San Diego River channel. Mining would occur over 228 acres of the site in four phases to a depth of approximately 35 to 41 feet below the current ground elevation and would not excavate into the current groundwater table. The proposed project would not utilize groundwater for any purposes. A Statement of Reasons to extinguish access to mineral resources below the proposed mining depth has been prepared. The processing plant would have a maximum

production level of 577 tons of aggregate per hour and an offsite transportation limit of 157 one-way haul trips per day (27 tons per trip). Processing plant operations would be conducted between 7 A.M. and 5 P.M. Monday through Friday, while offsite transporting of aggregate would occur on Saturday between 7 A.M. and 1 P.M. in addition to those hours. Reclamation and revegetation would begin following the cessation of sand mining activities in each of the four phases. Thus, reclamation and revegetation activities would begin in year four of the project and continue to year 16 (four years following completion of mining in phase 4). The project is located in the Lakeside Community Planning area, within the unincorporated portion of San Diego County. The project site is bordered by El Monte Road to the south and Willow Road to the north and is 1.5 miles east of SR-67, where SR-67 crosses the San Diego River. The project site is three miles west of the El Capitan Dam. The draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report has identified potentially significant environmental impacts to aesthetics (and land use), air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, mineral resources, paleontological resources, hazards (vectors), noise and traffic. Comments on this proposed draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report must be received no later than **October 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** (a 60-day public review period). This draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report can also be reviewed at the Lakeside Branch Library, located at 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040, and the Santee Branch Library located at 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd., #17, Santee, CA 92071. A public meeting will be held at the Lakeside Community Center located at 9841 Vine Street Lakeside, CA 92040 on September 25, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. For additional information, please contact Robert Hingtgen at (858) 694-3712 or Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov, or Heather Steven at (858) 495-5802 or Heather.Steven@sdcounty.ca.gov.