

~ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ~

Granite Construction Company has had an aggregate mining presence in Yolo County since the 1960's, initially at our Woodland mining operation, and then more recently expanding our Yolo County operations through the acquisition of the Capay aggregate mining and processing facility from R.C. Collet, Inc. *dba* Cache Creek Aggregates in April of 1999. Since our inception in Yolo County, we have provided a valuable source of aggregates to serve local and regional construction, infrastructure, and maintenance projects, and to help provide funding for a number of County programs.

The proposed Esparto Mining and Reclamation Project consists of an application for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan for mining, processing, and sale of sand and gravel resources over the next 30-years. This application is designed to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and overall vision of Yolo County. With the help of a team of skilled professionals, aided by our own experience in the vicinity of Cache Creek, we have developed an application that will provide multiple benefits to the citizens of Yolo County, while fully mitigating for any potential environmental impact.

The Project objectives are to secure an 870,000 ton per year aggregate mining, processing, and sale entitlement as allowed and contemplated under the OCMF, secure approval for Granite to mine a site within central Yolo County for the maximum time period allowed, and provide a reliable and economic long-term source of aggregates to meet the current and projected market demand. The Project proposes the mining of approximately 313± acres of two parcels totaling 390± acres over the next 30 years. Total mined volume over the life of the Project is estimated at approximately 30,000,000 tons, with approximately 26,100,000 tons sold.

Aside from the obvious economic benefits of aggregate production, the project provides for a number of other related opportunities, including reclamation of the land to diverse and conjunctive end uses, including open space, dry pasture, open water / lake with adjacent shoreline habitat, and prime agriculture. Additional benefits include enhancement of existing natural habitats, improvements to Cache Creek providing additional protection for the abutment of the Esparto Bridge and dedication of 115 acres adjacent to the Creek and close to Woodland.

We are pleased to submit this application and look forward to working through the project approval process resulting in balanced economic and environmental benefit to Yolo County. We would like to express our appreciation to all of those who contributed to the preparation of this application, and to those who will be working to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

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