

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
ESPARTO FACILITY
MINING AND RECLAMATION APPLICATION
“NET GAIN”

The Granite Construction Company (“Granite”) Esparto Mining and Reclamation Project (“Project”) is an application for a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) and reclamation plan for mining, processing, and sale of sand and gravel resources. The proposal includes a request for approval of a 30-year mining and processing operation.

The Yolo County Off-Channel Surface Mining Ordinance, Section 10-4.502(i) requires that an Applicant provide a proposal for a “net gain” to the County, as determined by the following criteria:

- (1) Reclamation to multiple or conjunctive uses;
- (2) Enhancement and enrichment of existing resources; and/or
- (3) Restoration of past sites where the requirements of reclamation at the time no longer meet community expectations in terms of good stewardship of the land.

Granite respectfully offers the following “net gain” proposal to the Citizens and Representatives of Yolo County.

1. Granite proposes a Reclamation Plan with **multiple and conjunctive end uses**, including open space, dry pasture, open water/lake with adjacent shoreline habitat, and prime agriculture.
2. Granite proposes to **enhance existing natural habitats** with the implementation of its Habitat Restoration and Landscape Visual Screening Plan. Habitats will be dominated by a diverse range of native grass, oak woodland, riparian, and wetland species. Habitat diversity promotes greater and more varied wildlife use. The enhanced habitat will provide an excellent opportunity for nearby residents and all visitors of Yolo County to enjoy a diverse range of wildlife species.
3. Granite proposes implementation of a segment of the **Test 3 line** for Cache Creek. The Test 3 line implementation would include construction of a stabilized bank for Cache Creek, providing additional protection for the abutment of the Esparto bridge consistent with the Cache Creek Resource Management Plan (“CCRMP”). The proposal includes a fill area behind the

proposed Test 3 stabilized bank which will create increased habitat values. The Test 3 implementation area will be planted with oak woodland vegetation.

4. Granite proposes the **dedication of its Woodland Facility property** to Yolo County. The property is approximately 115 acres, comprised of Assessors Parcel Numbers 025-300-051, 025-300-321, and 025-350-091. The site is situated at the east end of the OCMP boundary, and is currently permitted for the extraction of approximately 420,000 tons per year. The Woodland property has excellent habitat potential, and would be a great resource for the County.
5. Granite's proposal will provide the County with additional **revenue from gravel mining fees and property taxes**. Based on the recently increased gravel mining fees of \$0.45/ton (total), Granite's 870,000 ton per year proposal will increase revenue for the County by up to \$391,500 per year. This estimate does not include additional fees and surcharges that the County would receive if the sale of materials exceeds 870,000 tons in any given year. Additionally, an approved mining entitlement on the proposed project site may result in increased tax assessments for the property, generating additional revenue for Yolo County.
6. Granite's proposal will provide a **secure source of gravel and revenue** at least 12 years beyond that currently permitted.