

## County of Yolo **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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**Notice of Preparation and** Notice of Scoping Meeting for the **Draft Environmental Impact Report for the CEMEX Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit Amendment** 

Date:

February 26, 2021

To:

Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

Project:

CEMEX Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit Amendment (ZF#2018-0015)

Location:

30288 State Route 16, Woodland, CA 9565, in unincorporated Yolo County

**Lead Agency:** Yolo County

Yolo County (County) is the Lead Agency for the preparation an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the CEMEX Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit Amendment (ZF2018-0015). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082 and 15083, the County is requesting your input regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that should be addressed in the EIR, including significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and feasible mitigation measures. Comments from agencies must be germane to the agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Responsible and trustee agencies will use this EIR when considering the issuance of permits or other approvals for the project. The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are summarized below. As allowed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), a CEQA Initial Study was not prepared. All comments and responses must be received by the County within 30 days of receipt of this notice.

The NOP comment period begins on February 26, 2021, and ends on March 29, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Please include the name of a contact person for your agency or organization when submitting comments. Comments must be directed to:

> J.D. Trebec, Senior Planner Yolo County Department of Community Services 292 W. Beamer Street Woodland, CA 95695

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The County Planning Commission will hold an EIR Scoping Meeting to receive oral comments at their regularly scheduled March meeting. If timely written comments are submitted there is no need to provide verbal comments. The date, time, and information required to participate in or observe this meeting are as follows:

March 11, 2021 at 8:30 am

Yolo County Planning Commission

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://yolocounty.zoom.us/j/97388566818?pwd=OE

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Project Name: CEMEX Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit Amendment (ZF#2018-0015)

**Project Applicant:** CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific, LLC.

Project Location: 30288 State Route 16, Woodland, California 95653, in the central portion of unincorporated Yolo County, near the town of Madison APN: 025-450-001; 049-060-004, 007; 049-070-004, 049-070-005, 049-070-006, 049-070-009, 049-070-010, 049-070-011, 049-070-019, 049-070-020, 049-070-021.

Project Description: The proposed project is a request to modify an approved mining permit and reclamation plan for the existing CEMEX sand and gravel mining operation to allow more mining over a longer period of time. The operation is located primarily east of Interstate 505, along the south bank of Cache Creek, near the unincorporated community of Madison. The existing off-channel mining operation is operated subject to a 1996 permit approval, but has been operating continuously at that location since the 1970's. The project site is 1,902 acres, with mining limited to 586 acres and reclamation required for 716 acres (including the 30-acre plant site). The current approvals allow maximum annual mining of 1,445,783 tons (1,200,000 tons sold), and maximum total mining of 32,170,000 tons (26,700,000 tons sold). Mining is allowed to occur in seven phases moving generally from west to east, over a 30-year period ending in 2027, to a maximum depth of 70 feet.

The applicant is seeking approvals to increase maximum annual mining to 2,117,647 tons (1,800,000 tons sold), increase maximum total mining to 56,248,958 (48,256,687 tons sold), extend the permit period by 20 years to 2047, increase the reclamation area by 121 acres (to 837 acres) to include disturbed land along the northerly boundary of mining (adjoining the creek bank), and make other minor modifications to correct the total mining acreage and adjust phasing. These modifications, if approved, would result in changes to the approved conditions of approval and development agreement for the project.

As related specifically to reclamation end uses, the table below provides a comparison of the requested changes:

| Reclaimed End<br>Uses (in acres) | Agriculture <sup>3</sup> | Habitat         | Lake            | Slopes/Roads/Buffers | Total              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Approved                         | 476.0                    | 61.0            | 153.0           | 26.0                 | 716.0 <sup>1</sup> |
| Proposed                         | 438.6                    | 168.7           | 210.4           | 19.2                 | 836.9              |
| Difference                       | <-37.4>                  | 107.7           | 57.4            | <-6.8>               | 120.9 <sup>2</sup> |
| (% change)                       | (7.8% decrease)          | (175% increase) | (37.5% increase | (26.2% decrease)     | (16.9% increase)   |

<sup>1/</sup>Includes 30-acre plant site

Areas of Potential Impact: The County has determined that the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts in the CEQA impacts areas identified below and, therefore, an EIR will be prepared:

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Energy
- **Biological Resources**
- Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils, Mineral Resources, and Paleontological Resources
- Hazards, Hazardous Materials, and Wildfire

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use, Planning, Population, and Housing
- Public Services, Recreation, and Utilities
- **Transportation and Circulation**
- **Cumulative Impacts**
- Other Required CEQA Analyses (including project alternatives)

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Additional Project Information: https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-governmentdepartments/community-services/planning-division/current-projects

Attachments: Regional Location and Site Plan

<sup>2/</sup>Disturbed area along northerly boundary of approved mining, adjoining creek bank, and I-505 buffer area.

<sup>3/</sup>The applicant is also proposing to modify the type of reclaimed agriculture from 50% row crops and 50% tree crops as approved, to 80% row crops and 20% tree crops.



