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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT SEIR) FOR THE CEMEX MINING
AND RECLAMATION PLAN PERMIT AMENDMENT PROJECT AND NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT SEIR**

DATE: March 21, 2024

TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: Yolo County Department of Community Services

APPLICANT: CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific, LLC

CEQA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021020487

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

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at the existing CEMEX sand and gravel mining operation, located primarily east of Interstate 505, along the south bank of Cache Creek, near the unincorporated community of Madison. The operation is located at 30288 State Route 16, Woodland, California 95653, in the central portion of unincorporated Yolo County, approximately seven miles west of the city of Woodland. The site consists of 12 adjacent assessor parcel numbers: 025-450-001, 049-060-004, 049-060-007, 049-070-004, 049-070-005, 049-070-006, 049-070-009, 049-070-010, 049-070-011, 049-070-019, 049-070-020, and 049-070-021.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The existing CEMEX off-channel mining operation is operated subject to a 1996 permit approval (as subsequently modified) (Mining Permit No. ZF #95-093 and Development Agreement No. 96-287) and has been operating continuously in its location since the 1970s. The existing site totals 1,902 acres, with mining limited to 586 total acres and reclamation required for 716 acres (including the 30-acre plant site). The existing 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.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On February 28, 2018, CEMEX submitted an application to modify the approved mining permit and reclamation plan for their existing off-channel mining operation. The subject application was subsequently revised several times, the most recent revision occurring on November 23, 2022.

The application contains the following requests: 1) extend the term of the permit approvals by 20 years; 2) allow mining of more total tonnage (22.3 million additional tons mined; 20.0 million additional tons sold); 3) increase the allowed acreage of simultaneous disturbance; 4) increase the allowed area for processing activities; 5) allow reclamation in certain phases to occur later and to allow overall reclamation to occur later; 6) remove Phase 7 from the operation; 7) address inconsistencies in approved plans versus on-the-ground conditions; 8) modify phase boundaries; 9) modify reclamation plans to reclaim more area and modify reclamation end uses to decrease the area of reclaimed agriculture and increase the area of reclaimed lake; 10) increase the area of reclaimed habitat; and 11) modify other approvals to be consistent with the request.

The project requires the following County approvals: 1) certification of a Subsequent EIR; 2) amendment to Mining Permit No. ZF #95-093 to: a) allow mining to continue on ±383 acres (Phases 4 through 6) for an additional 20 years through the year 2047, b) approve revised Mining Plan sheets reflecting modified mining phase boundaries, elimination of Phase 7, increased acreage that can be simultaneously disturbed, and increased acreage that can be used for processing, c) approve increased the total production limit from 32,170,000 tons mined (26,700,000 tons sold) over the term of the permit to 53,536,426 tons mined (46,636,119 tons sold), and d) modify various conditions of approval to reflect the final approved changes; 3) amendment to the approved Reclamation Plan to: a) modify reclamation area to reflect ±816 total acres reclaimed to ±419 acres of agriculture (approximately 80% row crops and 20% tree crops), ±204 acres of permanent lakes, ±174 acres of riparian and other habitat, and ±19 acres of slopes and roads, b) allow a longer period for reclamation by phase and overall, with all reclamation completed by 2052, and c) approve revised Reclamation Plan sheets, Reclamation Plan narrative, and Habitat Restoration Plan; and 4) amendment to Development Agreement No. 96-287 to reflect the revised mining and reclamation approvals and net gains.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The County and its consultant, Baseline Environmental Consulting, have prepared a Draft SEIR pursuant to CEQA Section 15162. The Draft SEIR identifies potentially significant impacts in the following issue categories: agricultural resources; greenhouse gases; biological resources; cultural resources and tribal cultural resources; paleontological resources; hydrology and water quality; and transportation and circulation.

CORTESE LIST: In compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6), the project site (including the plant site) is not identified in the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database as a known hazardous waste or disposal site on lists specified under Government Code Section 65962.5 (the “Cortese list”).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft SEIR and all documents incorporated by reference are now available for public review at the County’s Natural Resources Division’s website: www.yolonaturalresources.org. Printed copies of the document are also available for viewing at the public counter of the Yolo County Planning Division (292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695) during regular business hours. Additionally, electronic copies of the document were provided to the Woodland Public Library (250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695) and the Esparto Regional Library (17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627). Interested individuals may request electronic copies of the document (via flash drive) free of charge, or printed copies for a fee to cover the cost of publication. Please contact Casey Liebler (using the contact information provided below) for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The County invites comments on the Draft SEIR during a 47-day period that begins on March 21, 2024, and ends on May 6, 2024, at 4:00 PM. Comments may be submitted via

email to Casey Liebler, Natural Resources Planner, at Casey.Liebler@yolocounty.org, or by mail or hand delivery to the following address:

Yolo County Department of Community Services
Attn: Casey Liebler
(ZF #2018-0015: Draft SEIR Comments)
292 West Beamer Street
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Pursuant to Section 15088(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, late comments will be considered only at the County's discretion.

A Response to Comments (Final SEIR) document will be prepared following public review and comment period. The County will consider this information when deliberating the project. Following certification of the Final SEIR, the County may take action to adopt the proposed project.

PUBLIC MEETING: The Yolo County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Draft SEIR on **Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM**. The meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Erwin Meier Administration Building (625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, CA 95695).

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Yolo County Department of Community Services at (530) 666-8078. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the meeting.

Comments received at this meeting will be summarized by staff for inclusion in the Final SEIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final SEIR are strongly recommended to submit their comments in writing.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b)(2) and other provisions of law, any lawsuit challenging the approval of a project described in this notice shall be limited to only those issues raised at the public meeting or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the meeting is closed.

For more information about this project, contact Casey Liebler, Natural Resources Planner, by email at Casey.Liebler@yolocounty.org or by phone at (530) 666-8236.

Attachment:

Draft SEIR, Figure 3-1, Location Map

