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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Initial Study

1. **Project Title:** United Rock Pit No.3 Project

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works

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4. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works

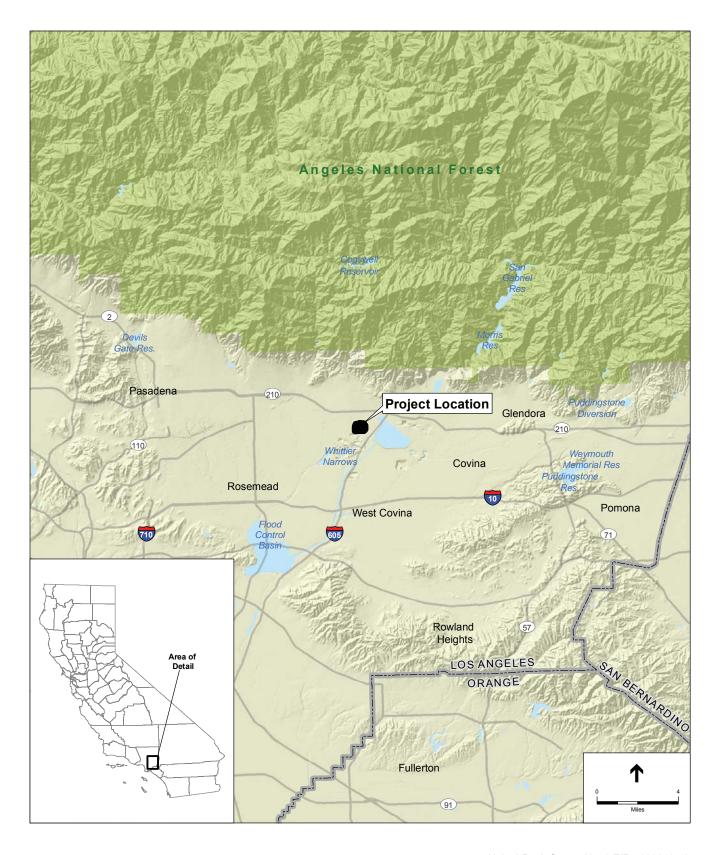
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5. General Plan Designation(s): Quarry Overlay – Open Space

6. Zoning Designation(s): Quarry (Q)

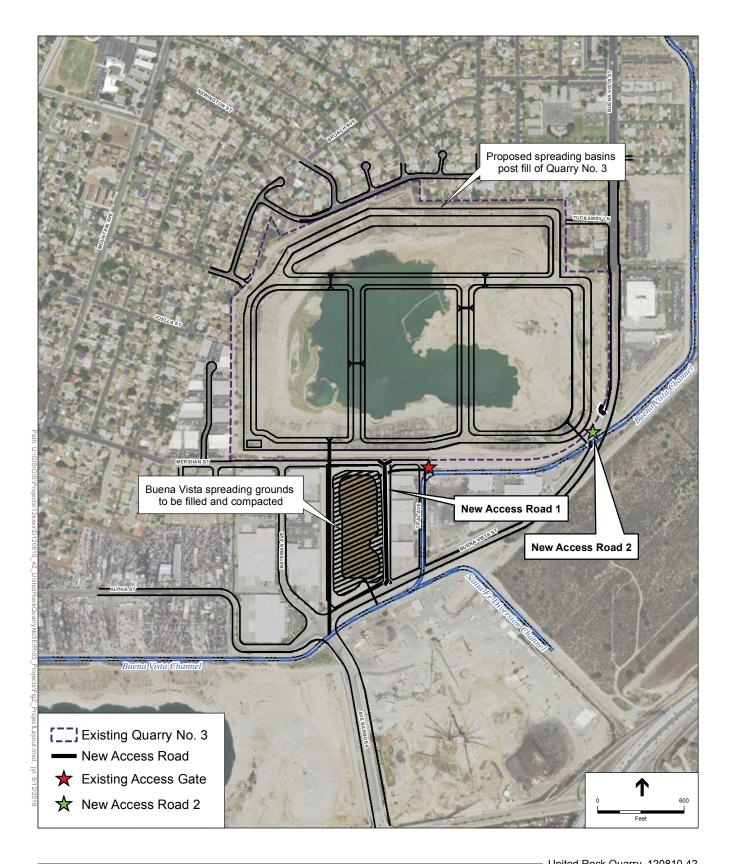
- 7. Location. The County of Los Angeles (County) is located in southern California, with the Pacific Ocean and Ventura County to the west, Kern County to the north, San Bernardino County to the east, and Orange County to the south. The project site is located within northwestern portion of the City of Irwindale (City). Irwindale is a 9.5-square mile incorporated city of the County and is located 20 miles east of Downtown Los Angeles (Figure 1). The 91-acre project site is situated about 3 miles south of the San Gabriel Mountains in the San Gabriel Valley at approximately 469 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The project site is southwest of Interstate 605, south of Interstate 210, and north of Arrow Highway.
- **8. Existing Setting.** The project site is located within an existing active quarry site in the northwest portion of the City of Irwindale. The existing quarry site currently has a storage capacity of 30 million cubic yards (MCY), with an area of 91 acres and a depth of approximately 360 feet below the adjacent ground surface to its deepest location (**Figure 2**).
- **9. Surrounding Land Uses.** According to the City of Irwindale General Plan, the project site is surrounded by industrial land use to the south and east, and residential land uses in the City of Duarte to the north and west. The area southeast of the project is designated as "Open Space/Easements" by the General Plan



SOURCE: Los Angeles County

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Figure 1



Project Background Purpose and Need

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) manages a flood control system of dams, reservoirs, and debris retention basins that are designed to collect the sediment and prevent it from damaging property downstream. Debris flow caused by the erosion off the watershed, flows downstream and is trapped at flood control facilities. When there is a burned watershed, the production of debris is greater than normal. Therefore, it is important to remove the sediment buildup collected over time in these flood control facilities for proper operation and protection to downstream properties.

The District currently owns 36 SPSs, 17 of which are active SPSs and have an estimated combined capacity of approximately 48 MCY. Manning Pit SPS is an example of an inactive quarry which was acquired and developed as a District-managed SPS, similar to the proposed reclamation for this project. The reclamation of United Rock Quarry No. 3 as a SPS would prolong the District's sediment management capabilities by increasing its total capacity of sediment storage and conserve additional stormwater.

Cleanouts of reservoirs are typically completed during the dry season, April through October, and debris basins are cleaned out year round. Approximately 300,000 cubic yards (CY) of sediment has been generated each year through these sediment removal cleanouts. This sediment is disposed of and hauled to the nearest sediment placement site (SPS) and or landfill facility by utilization of 20 CY trucks, which hold approximately 16-18 CY per load. SPSs such as Manning Pit or landfill facilities such as Azusa Landfill and Nuway Landfill in Irwindale are primarily disposal locations for this sediment. This disposal site may be located adjacent to or near debris basins in order to quickly transport sediment and reduce hauling distances; however, they are quickly reaching maximum capacity limits. When emergency situations arise it is important to utilize the nearest SPS location to expedite regaining capacity at the facility to maximize protection.

Due to a record setting fire, the Station Fire, that occurred in 2009, and with District SPSs in the region quickly filling up, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) prepared a Sediment Management Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan, 2012) for the Period of 2012-2032. The Strategic Plan predicts the capacity of sediment that will need to be provided from the District's existing flood control facilities during the next 20 years will equate to 58 MCYs, which will significantly exceed the capacity of the District's existing SPSs. Additionally, sediment placement capacity for the District's facilities will be needed within the next five years because the volume of sediment predicted to be accumulated will be 15 MCY (Strategic Plan, 2012).

Project Description

Under the Project, the District would purchase Quarry No. 3 from United Rock and use it as a SPS (to be called Buena Vista SPS) in order to enhance the District's sediment management capabilities. The Project would involve the use Quarry No. 3 as a permanent placement location for sediment removed from the District's reservoirs, debris basins, spreading grounds, and other facilities. As of 2016, Quarry No. 3 had a storage capacity of approximately 27 MCY and a depth of approximately 360 feet below the adjacent ground surface at its deepest.

The Project would include a Project construction phase and a Project operations phase. Construction activities would include necessary improvements to the Quarry No. 3 site, the Buena Vista Spreading Basin site, and the surrounding vicinity to enable trucks to dispose of material in the new Buena Vista SPS. The District would begin Project construction in 2019 and Project operation in 2020. Placement of sediment at Buena Vista SPS would last approximately 50 years; therefore, the anticipated end date of the Project's operations would be in the year 2070. The Project's construction activities would include the following:

- Replacement of existing access gates with new automated access gates;
- Improvements to the existing access roads;
- Backfilling of the District's existing Buena Vista Spreading Basin, which would involve approximately 400 truck trips per day for 14 weeks (approximately 27,500 truck trips);
- Construction of a new paved access road through the District's existing Buena Vista Spreading Basin;
- Drainage improvements;
- Perimeter improvements including upgrades to fencing and access gates;
- Construction of a small operation building (approximately 500 square feet);
- Installation of enhanced lighting, a wheel wash station, shaker plates, and possibly measurement scales for truckloads; and
- Restriping of two segments of Buena Vista Street.

Operation of the Project includes the hauling and depositing of sediment collected from the District's facilities throughout Los Angeles County into the Buena Vista SPS. Project operation would be intermittent, with many periods of low or no use of Buena Vista SPS. During normal sediment placement operations, peak truck trips to the Project site could include 50 one-way truck trips per hour, either in the morning or afternoon hours, for a total of 800 one-way truck trips per day over an 8-hour period. During emergency sediment placement operations, which would be the result of emergency sediment removal projects at the District's facilities, sediment may need to be placed at Buena Vista SPS 24 hours a day.

Due to the significant need for a placement location for sediment removed from the District's facilities, the District would begin Project construction in 2019 and Project operation in 2020. Placement of sediment at Buena Vista SPS would last approximately 50 years; therefore, the anticipated end date of the Project's operations would be in the year 2070.

The conversion of United Rock Quarry No. 3 to Buena Vista SPS would not generate any new sediment removal operations nor any new additional truck trips beyond those associated with the District's sediment removal operations. The Project would reroute the District's sediment hauling trucks to Buena Vista SPS from other locations where the District could dispose of the sediment.

Responsible Agencies, Permits and Approvals

The following potential permits and/or approvals from other agencies that may be required prior to construction of the proposed project include:

- City of Irwindale- Construction Encroachment Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Reclamation Plan
- South Coast Air Quality Management District-Stationary Equipment Air Permit
- Regional Water Quality Control Board-Wastewater Discharge Permit, Construction General Permit Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

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Environmental Checklist

Aesthetics

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Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact			
1.	AESTHETICS — Would the project:							
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes			
arc mindra me exi pro hei	No Impact. According to the City of Irwindale's General Plan, there are no scenic vistas in and around the project site (City of Irwindale, 2008). Currently the project site is an existing open-pit mine, where the proposed project would construct site improvements, which consists of site drainage improvements, enhanced lighting, new entrance gate, a small operation building, and measurement scales for truckloads, and would deposit sediment collected from the District's existing flood control facilities to fill the Buena Vista SPS back to grade level. While the proposed project would construct site improvements, these types of improvements are similar in neight and nature as existing infrastructure located on the project site. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not result in an adverse effect on a scenic vista. No impact would occur and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.							
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b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?							
hig Ho Tra nea	o Impact. According to the California Scenic shway is Interstate-210 (I-210), located approximately proposed project ansportation, 2011). Thus, the proposed project ar scenic resources. Therefore, there would be other in the Draft EIR.	ximately 0.63 ed as a scenic ct would not	5 miles north of highway (Cabe located alo	of the project lifornia Dep ong a scenic o	t site. artment of corridor or			
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact			
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				\boxtimes			

No Impact. Currently, the project site consists of an open pit from on-going mining operations, which are anticipated to be complete by the end of 2017. The proposed project would construct site improvements, which consists of site drainage improvements, enhanced lighting, a new

entrance gate, a small operation building, and measurement scales for truckloads, wheel wash stations, and would deposit sediment collected from the District's existing flood control facilities to fill Buena Vista SPS back to grade level. Buena Vista SPS would be filled to grade to be used either as a future spreading ground facility or facilitate other local uses such as recreational open space. Such use of the site would not occur until the operational phase has been completed, which would be on-going for 30 years. Any future use of the site post-reclamation will undergo separate project-specific CEQA review. While the proposed project would construct site improvements, these types of improvements are similar in nature with existing infrastructure located at the project site. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not substantially change the existing visual quality or character of the project site. Impacts to visual character would be less than significant and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area?				

Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed project would construct multiple site improvements including enhanced lighting. The enhanced lighting would allow sediment unloading to occur during emergency cleanouts of reservoirs and debris basins that could occur 24 hours a day. Under Chapter 17.24.030 of the City of Irwindale Municipal Code, all exterior lighting operated or maintained in conjunction with any activity or purpose on the proposed project site, should be so arranged to reflect the light away from any adjacent properties which a dwelling unit is located (City of Irwindale, 1966). Therefore, any lighting elements or enhancements proposed as part of the project would be directed or shielded as to not be visible from any residential or commercial units near the project site. Additionally, it is anticipated that construction and most operation of the proposed project would occur during daytime and, as such, would not result in new permanent nighttime light sources. Furthermore, the proposed small operations building and new entrance gate do not include large expanses of glass or other reflective materials that would create new sources of glare. Therefore, impacts to light or glare would be less than significant and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.

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www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16_livability/scenic_highways/index.htm, Accessed on May 18, 2016.

City of Irwindale, 1966. Municipal Code, Chapter 17.24.030, Available at:

<u>www.www2.municode.com/library/ca/irwindale/codes/code_of_ordinances</u>, Accessed on May 18, 2016.

City of Irwindale, City of Irwindale General Plan Update, June 2008.

Agricultural and Forest Resources

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
2.	AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES — In determining whether impacts to agricultural resource to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site of Department of Conservation as an optional model to us determining whether impacts to forest resources, include agencies may refer to information compiled by the Calification state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement in California Air Resources Board. Would the project:	Assessment Modese in assessing idding timberland, fornia Departmed Range Assessi	del (1997) prepar mpacts on agricu are significant en nt of Forestry and ment Project and	ed by the Califo Iture and farmla vironmental effo d Fire Protection the Forest Lega	rnia and. In ects, lead a regarding the acy
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

Lace Than

No Impact. According to the City of Irwindale's General Plan, the proposed project is located within a quarry overlay land use designation and is not located in Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide of Importance (City of Irwindale, 2008). Further, the project site is not located in designated agricultural land, Williamson Act contracted land, or forest land (California Department of Conservation, 2014). Thus, the project would not convert forest land to non-forest land use or Farmland to non-agricultural use. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.

References

California Department of Conservation, 2014. California Important Farmland Finder, Los Angeles County, Available at: www.maps.conservation.ca.gov/ciff/ciff.html, Accessed May 18, 2016.

City of Irwindale, City of Irwindale General Plan Update, June 2008.

Air Quality

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
3.	AIR QUALITY — Where available, the significance criteria established district may be relied upon to make the following det Would the project:		air quality manag	gement or air po	llution control
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			\boxtimes	

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Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project is located within the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB), which is under the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). As such, SCAQMD's 2012 AQMP is the applicable air quality plan for the proposed project. Projects that are consistent with the regional population, housing, and employment forecasts identified by SCAG are considered to be consistent with the AQMP growth projections, since the forecast assumptions by SCAG forms the basis of the land use and transportation control portions of the AQMP. Additionally, because SCAG's regional growth forecasts are based upon, among other things, land uses designated in general plans, a project that is consistent with the land use designated in a general plan would also be consistent with the SCAG's regional forecast projections, and thus also with the AQMP growth projections.

The proposed project would include the repurposing of an existing quarry as a deposition place for sediment being removed from the local reservoirs and basins in the San Gabriel Mountains. The project would be a new location to deposit debris that would be deposited elsewhere without the implementation of the proposed project. Therefore, truck trips and activities associated with the sediment removal are considered existing emission sources. The operation of the site itself would introduce new employment of 5 individuals. No residential development would occur as part of the project.

As discussed in the population and housing section of the Initial Study for this project, impacts related to inducing population growth would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within this EIR. Additionally, as discussed in the land use section of the Initial Study, the project site is zoned Q within the City of Irwindale General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Quarry Overlay – Open Space land use and Q zone designation consists of Quarries that could be used to serve Flood Control, Utility Easements, commercial, and industrial uses. The proposed project would not modify the current conditions of the land and would not conflict with any other applicable land use plans. As such, the proposed project would be consistent with the existing General Plan.

The 2012-2035 RTP/SCS establishes a regional commitment to reduce emissions from transportation sources, in compliance with SB 375, improve public health, and meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards as set forth by the federal Clean Air Act. The proposed project would not conflict with the applicable goals of the SCAG 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, as the proposed project does not generate any substantial new vehicle trips. Truck trips to bring the sediment

material to the site would occur regardless of if the proposed project is implemented; the material would instead be deposited at another location. The only new trips associated with the proposed project are associated with the commute of the five employees.

The project would be consistent with both the City of Irwindale's General Plan. In addition, the project would not conflict with the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. As such, because the proposed development is a permitted use under the general plan, the employment growth resulting from the project would be consistent with SCAG's regional forecast projections and, in turn, would also not add to growth accounted for in SCAQMD's AQMP. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with, or obstruct, implementation of the AQMP. Impacts would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

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b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	\boxtimes			
Pot	tentially Significant Impact. The proposed pr	oject has th	ne potential to	generate air o	quality
em	issions during construction and operation of the	e project, v	which could re	sult in potent	ially
_	nificant impacts. Therefore, potential air qualit lbe discussed in the Draft EIR.	ty impacts a	associated with	n the propose	d projec
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	

Less than Significant Impact. Typical sources of odor in the SCAB, include manufacturing plants, rendering plants, coffee roasters, wastewater treatment plants, sanitary landfills, and solid waste transfer stations. The proposed project would not include uses that have been identified as these potential sources of objectionable odors. However, as with construction activities, diesel powered equipment would be operated onsite and may result in localized odors. These odors would be temporary and given the distance between construction areas and nearby uses (which would vary depending on where construction is occurring onsite) would be unlikely to be noticeable for extended periods of time outside of the project boundaries. The occasional whiff of diesel is anticipated in industrialized and mining areas and considering that this is the nature of the surrounding land uses, including the existent project, this would not result in localized impacts. The proposed project would be less than significant with respect to odor emissions and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

References

City of Irwindale, City of Irwindale General Plan Update, June 2008.

Biological Resources

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
4.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES — Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
to t	Impact. The project site is an existing open- the developed nature of the project site, it doe asitive species. The nearest open space to the part of the Barrier and the Santa Fe Dam spillward, threatened, or special status plant species (or signated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Idlife (CDFW), or California Native Plant Southe project site. No impacts would occur and the	es not provide project site very channel loor or associated the (USFWS), ciety (CNPS	e any suitable where wildlife ocated southeast habitats) or wallifornia Dej	habitat for an may be present. No endand wildlife species partment of I occur on or	ny ent is the gered, es Fish and adjacent
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b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
Νo	Impact. Riparian habitats are those along ba	nks of rivers	s or streams. So	ensitive natu	ral
	mmunities are considered rare in the region by				
age stre cor or dis	encies and are known to provide habitat for see eams or riparian habitat on the project site. The mmunities on-site. The project site is not incluregulations that identify riparian habitat or oth turbance from mining operations and the proparian habitat or marshland vegetation. No improve within the Draft EIR.	ensitive animatere is also nuded under aner sensitive posed reclam	nal or plant spe o native habita ny local or reg natural comm nation would p	ecies. There a at or sensitive gional plans, unity. The or revent any fu	re no e natural policies, n-going ature
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
No	Impact. Wetlands are defined under the federal	eral Clean W	ater Act as "la	and that is flo	oded or

saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that normally does support, a prevalence of vegetation adapted to life in saturated soils" (40 CFR 232.2). Wetlands include areas such as swamps, marshes, and bogs. The area in the vicinity of

con San the prop	project site and the project site itself are located tain natural wetlands. The nearest potential we take Fe Dam Reservoir, which is approximately distance to the nearest potential wetland, the coosed project would not result in impacts to perant further analysis within the Draft EIR.	etland may one mile s construction	be the reserve outheast from n and operation	oir that is loca the project si n activities of	ated in ite. Due to f the
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
natuothe the amp desidesithat Whinel loca projecto u to u and proporojecto u	Impact. Wildlife corridors are pathways or had a open space otherwise separated or fragme or natural or human-induced factors, such as a Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area functions as a phibian, reptiles, and mammals. In 1970, the Lignated the entire flood basin and river as a Si the open space forms a wildlife movement could like the project site is located near the Santa Fe uded in any designated corridors for wildlife and quarries, has been extensively disturbed by fect site is surrounded by residential and industilife value and support wildlife species general and do not support a suitable habitat for minutilize the open water that collects at the bottom of fish are present in the water (United Rock posed project would not interfere with local or acts would occur and this issue does not warr	rbanization valuable was Angele gnificant Epridor (Cite Dam Recommovement, sand and gentrial land ually associantryways to gratory spen of the extra control	bography, char n. The local al vildlife habitat is County Boar cological Area y of Irwindale reation Area, the The project si ravel extraction ises. In general ted with urban to the site do no eccies. Migrator isting United Interpretation wildlife moven	nges in vegeta luvial scrub h to a wide var d of Supervisa a (SEA) and o , 2008). he project site ite, along with n. Additional l, these areas a areas (City of ot contain loc- y birds are no Rock Quarry and operation nent; therefor	ation, and nabitat of riety of sors concluded e is not hother lly, the have low of al alluvial ot known No. 3 site on of the re, no
	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances ecting biological resources, such as a tree ervation policy or ordinance?				
tree loca onsi	Impact. There are no local policies or ordinar preservation policy or ordinances that apply to ted within an existing mining and quarry site ite. Therefore, no impact would occur and this Draft EIR.	to the projethat contain	ect site. The prons no known b	oposed projection	ct is ources

f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation		\boxtimes
	Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?		

No Impact. The project site is developed and does not contain any natural lands that are subject to an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan (USFWS, 2008, CDFW, 2015). Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of adopted plans, and would result in no impact. This issue will not be evaluated in the EIR.

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Cultural Resources

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact			
5.	CULTURAL RESOURCES — Would the project:							
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?							
Ch not ope rec sub Ad pot	No Impact. The City of Irwindale General Plan designated the El Divino Salvador Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission, the first post office site, and a few other notable properties as historical sites in the City. The proposed project is located within an existing open-pit mine that is not associated or adjacent to any of these historical sites. There are no recorded or known significant historical resources within the project site so it would not cause a substantial adverse change in significance to a historical resource (City of Irwindale, 2008). Additionally, the existing structures used for mining are relatively modern and do not have potential to be eligible for historic resource listing. Impacts associated with historical resources would not occur and no further analysis is warranted in the Draft EIR.							
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?							
min cor The dis	Impact. The project site has already been minning operations and, as such, any unknown are national within the project site would have alreaderefore, it is highly unlikely that unknown arch covered during operation of the proposed projects not warrant any further analysis within the D	haeological dy been enc aeological r ect. Thus, no	resources that countered during esources woul	could have by mining acd be inadver	peen tivities. tently			
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes			
Ga dui the	Impact. Primary soil types in the City are: yo briel River Channel and adjacent floodplains; oring extraction; and underlying bedrock through project site consist of varying amounts of sandthin large, composite alluvial fans associated w	older alluvia hout the City d, gravel, and	I fan deposits, y (City of Irwi d silt layers tha	typically endale, 2008) at are incorp	countered . Soils in orated			

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underlying soil formations are of Quaternary alluvial sedimentary materials, which have a low

paleontological resource or unique geologic feature. Impacts would not occur and this issue does

paleontological sensitivity due to the relatively young age (CDOC, 1998). Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not directly or indirectly destroy a unique

not warrant further analysis within the Draft EIR.

d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?							
No	Impact. The project site is an existing open pi	t which is a	a result from pa	ast mining op	erations.			
An	Any human remains that would have been located within the soil formations underlying the							
pro	ject site would have been discovered during pr	evious min	ing activities.	The proposed	l project			
wo	uld transport and fill the existing pit with exces	ss sediment	removed from	the District'	s existing			
flo	od control facilities and, therefore, would not h	ave the pot	ential to encou	ınter human r	emains.			

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No impacts would occur and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.

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Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
6.		OLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMICITY — ould the project:				
a)	ad\	pose people or structures to potential substantial verse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or ath involving:				
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)				

Less than Significant Impact. The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act was passed to prevent construction of buildings used for human occupancy on the surface of active faults, in order to minimize the hazard of surface rupture of a fault to people and buildings. Before cities and counties can permit development within Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones, geologic investigations are required to show that the sites are not threatened by surface rupture from future earthquakes (CDOC, 2015). An active fault is defined as a fault with surface displacement within the last 10, 000 years (USGS, 2016). The nearest active faults are the Sierra Madre Fault, located approximately 1.3 miles north of the project site, and the Raymond Fault, located approximately three miles northwest of the project site (CDOC, 2010). Because there are no known active faults on or adjacent to the site, the proposed project is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Zone and, as such, project development would not expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects resulting from rupture of a known earthquake fault. Impacts would be less than significant and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.

		Less Than Significant		
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				

Less than Significant Impact. The project site is located in a seismically active area, with the potential for strong seismic ground shaking which could expose people to hazards associated with ground shaking. The proposed project would include site improvements to the project site, which include drainage improvements, enhanced lighting, a new entrance gate, a small operations building, and measurement scales for truckloads. New structures would be designed and built in compliance with all applicable building codes, such as the Uniform Building Code and the California Building Code, which would ensure structures are designed and built to be structurally sound. Further, all structures, specifically the small operations building, would be designed and built in compliance with the Los Angeles County's seismic safety standards, which would minimize impacts associated with strong ground-shaking. Therefore, impacts associated with

strong seismic ground shaking would be less than significant and no further analysis is warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				

Potentially Significant Impact. Liquefaction refers to loose, saturated sand or silt deposits that behave as a liquid, and lose their load-supporting capability, when strongly shaken. Loose granular soils and silts that are saturated by relatively shallow groundwater are susceptible to liquefaction. According to the California Geologic Survey's Seismic Hazards Map for the project site, the project site is not located in a zone of required investigation for liquefaction (CDOC, 1999). However, underwater fill (e.g. fill placed below water level) often experiences problems with liquefaction, and unconfined underwater fill slopes could be unstable during earthquakes (Irwindale Backfilling Committee, 2005). Therefore, this issue will be further evaluated within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
iv) Landslides?	\boxtimes			

Potentially Significant Impact. Landslides and other slope failures are secondary seismic effects that are common during or soon after earthquakes. Areas that are most susceptible to earthquake induced landslides are steep slopes underlain by loose, weak soils and areas on or adjacent to existing landslide deposits. As described above, the project site is located within a seismically active region subject to strong ground shaking. According to the State Seismic Hazard Zones, the project site is located within or adjacent to an earthquake-induced landslide area (CDOC, 1999). Further, the project site is an existing open-pit mine so there are slopes within the site that could pose as a landslide hazard. As a result, implementation of the proposed project would potentially expose people or structures to substantial adverse effects involving landslides due to the existing (steep slope) conditions, and impacts related to landslides could be potentially significant. Therefore, this issue will be further evaluated within the Draft EIR.

			Less I nan Significant		
Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	\boxtimes			

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Potentially Significant Impact. Sand and gravel pits like United Rock Quarry No. 3 have potential for erosion due to steeper slopes along the edges of the pit. Furthermore, some older alluvial fan deposits that are typically encountered during extraction activities within quarries

could be susceptible to erosion (City of Irwindale, 2008). Therefore, implementation of the proposed project could result in potentially significant impacts related to erosion and this issue will be further evaluated within the Draft EIR.

Iss	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or colla				

Potentially Significant Impact. Soils that are potentially unstable can fail when a new load is placed atop the soil, such as the construction of a new building. Subsidence including differential settlement can damage structures built on the soil over time. Lateral spreading is the downslope movement of surface sediment due to liquefaction in a subsurface layer. Such movement can occur on slope gradients of as little as one degree but is more common in areas that contain an exposed slope. Even though the project site is not susceptible to liquefaction hazards, there are existing steep slopes onsite. Underwater fill (e.g. fill placed below water level) often experiences problems with settlement, which can occur with or without accompanying liquefaction (Irwindale Backfilling Committee, 2005). Loose, poorly compacted above-water fills containing significant voids are also subject to significant long-term vertical sediment as the downward movement of surface water carries soil particles into the voids, causing the fill to collapse (Irwindale Backfill Committee 2005). Thus, due to the nature depositing sediment within the proposed Buena Vista SPS, onsite soils could have the potential to become unstable or for settlement, lateral spreading, or soil collapse. Therefore, impacts are considered potentially significant and will be further analyzed within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				

No Impact. Expansive soils shrink or swell as the moisture content decreases or increases. Volumetric changes associated with the shrinking or swelling can, over long periods of time, shift, crack or break structures or foundations built on such soils. The proposed project is located on an area comprised of alluvial materials of rock, sand, and gravel with relatively little silts or clays. Due to the nature of alluvial materials of rock, sand and gravel, these types of soils do not display characteristics of expansive soils. Thus, impacts associated with expansive soils would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				

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No Impact. The project site is served by an existing sewer system and septic tanks would not be installed for the project. All development associated with the proposed project would connect to and be served by the existing public sewer system for wastewater discharge and treatment. No impacts related to septic systems would occur as a result of the proposed project and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
7.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS — Would the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	\boxtimes			

Potentially Significant Impact. The proposed project has the potential to generate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during construction and operation of the proposed project. Therefore, potential impacts of the proposed project will be discussed in the Draft EIR.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
8.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS — Would the project:				
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				

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Less than Significant Impact. A hazardous material is defined as any material that, due to its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the environment.

The proposed project's construction activities would include grading and site preparation and construction of the site improvements, consisting of drainage improvements, enhanced lighting, a new entrance gate, a small operation building, and measurement scales for truckloads. Construction of the proposed project would involve the transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials such as fuels, solvents, and lubricants associated with construction equipment. These materials are considered hazardous as they could cause temporary localized soil and water contamination. Incidents of spills or other localized contamination may occur during refueling, operation of machinery, undetected fluid leaks, or mechanical failure. In addition, construction of the proposed project would use paints, solvents, and other materials, such as wood and cement sealers, which are not considered acutely hazardous. However, all storage, handling, and disposal of these materials are regulated by California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD). All construction activities involving the transportation, usage and disposal of hazardous materials would be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local requirements, which would reduce impacts associated with the use and handling of hazardous materials during construction to less than significant. In addition, the District will utilize the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Construction Site Best Management Practices (BMPs) Manual to contain and store hazardous materials.

Operation of the project would include the transport and storage of aggregate materials, which are not considered hazardous. However, the trucks that would be utilized to transport the sediment from the District's existing flood control facilities would use gasoline and other petroleum-based materials, which are considered hazardous. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and existing safety standards related to handling, use, and storage of hazardous materials would minimize impacts associated with hazardous materials. Therefore, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts related to routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?					
Less than Significant Impact. Hazardous materials used during construction and operation of the proposed project would be transported, used, stored and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Consequently, the potential for a significant release involving these materials is relatively low. Operations of the proposed project are comprised of transporting and storage of aggregate materials, which are not hazardous materials. Therefore, the impacts related to accidental releases of hazardous materials would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.					
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?					
Less than Significant Impact. Beardslee Elementary School is located approximately 0.14 miles north of the proposed project site. Although the school is located within 0.25 miles of the project site, compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations would minimize the risk of hazardous material emissions or exposure to the school. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.					
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?					
Less than Significant Impact. California Govern compiling of lists of the following types of hazard hazardous waste discharges for which the State W	dous materia	ls sites: hazard	lous waste fa	cilities;	

types of orders; public drinking water wells containing detectable levels of organic contaminants; underground storage tanks with reported unauthorized releases; and solid waste disposal facilities from which hazardous waste has migrated.

Based on a preliminary review of the DTSC EnviroStor database, there are no hazardous sites listed within the project site (DTSC, 2016). The nearest hazardous site, Southwest Products, is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the project site. It is listed for potential soil contamination of waste oil and lubricants but it is a closed Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) cleanup site. However, no historical releases of petroleum products from a LUST have occurred at the project site. Therefore, the project site is not identified as being a listed hazardous materials site and is not located adjacent to an active listed hazardous site. Thus, impacts would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				

No Impact. The nearest airport is San Gabriel Valley-El Monte Airport located approximately 3.77 miles southwest of the project site at 4233 Santa Anita Ave, El Monte, California. According to the Los Angele County Airport Influence Area Map, the proposed project is not within the airport influence area (Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 2012). Therefore, there would be no impacts and further analysis is not warranted in the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less I han Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes	

No Impact. The proposed project would not be located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. As mentioned previously, the nearest airport is located approximately 3.77 miles southwest of the project site so the project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in and around the project site. Therefore, there would be no impacts and further analysis is not warranted in the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact		
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				

No Impact. Construction of the proposed project would not require any road closures that would directly impact an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Further, the proposed project would not stage or store construction materials or equipment on public

roadways. According to the City of Irwindale's General Plan, the nearest evacuation routes are Arrow Highway and Live Oak Avenue which are approximately 0.50 miles south and 0.65 miles southwest of the project site, respectively (City of Irwindale, 2008). Access to the project site would be provided via Buena Vista Street and would not interfere with emergency response plans. There would be no impacts associated with emergency response plans therefore further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Iss	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

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No Impact. According to the Irwindale High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map, a small southwestern portion of the project site is located within a very high fire hazard severity zone. The project site is not within a wildland zone; therefore the high fire hazard zone is under the local responsibility area (LRA) and not under California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) jurisdiction (CAL FIRE, 2011).

The portion of the project site that is within the fire zone is adjacent to industrial uses which do not have high potential for fire hazards. Furthermore, the project site is surrounded by concrete and asphalt roads that could act as a barrier to adjacent open area that could contain scrub and other vegetation that could act as fuel. Therefore, there would be no impacts and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

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Hydrology and Water Quality

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
9.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY — Would the project:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of a site or area through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or by other means, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of a site or area through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or by other means, substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				
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Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				

No Impact. The proposed project does not include a residential component and as such, would not place housing within a 100-year floodplain. Thus, no impacts would occur and further analysis is warranted in the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures that would impede or redirect flood flows?				
No Impact. According to the FEMA Flood Inst 06037C1700F and 06037C1415F), the proposed floodplain (FEMA, 2008a; FEMA, 2008b). Eve construction of small operational building, it we redirect flood flows from a 100-year flood. No it warranted within the Draft EIR.	d project woul on though the pould not be pla	d not be located proposed projected where it contacts	ed within a 1 cct includes the could impede	00-year he or
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
 Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? 				
No Impact . The proposed project is located ap and Reservoir but is not in the direct path of the proximity, the proposed project is within a pote which could result in a potential significant imp proposed project is converting a quarry into a Sharm's way. Therefore, no impact would occur Draft EIR.	Santa Fe spill ntial flood zon pact to people a PS and would	lway channel. ne if the dam verand structure of not put people	Because of it was to fail whomsite. However or structure	ts close nile full, ver, the
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
j) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				
No Impact. The following discussion provides	a brief discuss	sion on each is	sue area:	
Seiche. A seiche is a surface wave created wan earthquake. The closest inland water bod 1.5 miles southeast of the project site. However, the seiche is a surface wave created water bod an earthquake.	ly is the Santa	Fe Reservoir	located appro	oximately

flood hazard to the site due to a seiche. No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Tsunami. A tsunami is a series of ocean waves caused by a sudden displacement of the ocean floor, most often due to earthquakes. The project site is 31 miles inland from the Pacific

Ocean and is not located within a tsunami inundation zone. No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Mudflow. A mudflow is a landslide composed of saturated rock debris and soil with a consistency of wet cement. The project site is an existing open-pit mine that is going to be filled with sediment over time. The proposed project would not expose people or structures to a significant risk. No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Therefore, the proposed project would not be impacted by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

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Land Use and Planning

Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
10.	LAND USE AND PLANNING — Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes

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No Impact. According to the City of Irwindale's General Plan, the proposed project site has a land use designation of Quarry Overlay – Open Space and zoning code designation of quarry (Q). The Q zone and land use designation establish regional-serving Quarries and Flood Control, Utility Easements, commercial, and industrial uses within the Quarry. The proposed project is surrounded by industrial land use to the south and east, and residential land use in the City of Duarte to the north and west. The area southeast of the project is designated as "Open Space/Easements" by the City of Irwindale's General Plan.

The proposed project would allow the District to use United Rock Quarry No. 3 as the Buena Vista SPS in order to prolong its sediment management capabilities and conserve additional stormwater. United Rock Quarry No. 3 is an existing open-pit mine that has been actively mined for decades by United Rock. Sediment loads would fill the open-pit daily and no sediment would be piled above ground level. Additionally, no structures would be built above ground level; therefore the project would not present a new barrier to the surrounding existing uses. The proposed project would not physically divide an existing community. No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				

No Impact. The project site is zoned Q within the City of Irwindale General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Quarry Overlay – Open Space land use and Q zone designation consists of Quarries that could be used to serve Flood Control, Utility Easements, commercial, and industrial uses. The proposed project would not modify the current conditions of the land and would not conflict with any other applicable land use plans. In addition, the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for United Rock Quarry No. 3 is anticipated to apply to activities associated with proposed project. If not, a new CUP may be required from the City of Irwindale. Therefore, the proposed project is consistent with the City of Irwindale's General Plan land use and zoning designations. No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				\boxtimes

No Impact. The project site is not within the boundaries of any habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan (USFWS, 2008, CDFW, 2015). No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

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Mineral Resources

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
11.	MINERAL RESOURCES — Would the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				

Potentially Significant Impact. Potential impacts of the proposed project will be discussed in the Draft EIR.

Noise

	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Significant		Less Than		
12.		Impact	Mitigation Incorporation	Significant Impact	No Impact	
	NOISE — Would the project:					
a)	Result in Exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?					
b)	Result in Exposure of persons to, or generation of, excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?					
c)	Result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?					
d)	Result in A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?					
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Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporation	Significant Impact	No Impact	
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan area, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, in an area within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels?					
No Impact. The nearest public-use airports to the project site are the El Monte Airport approximately 3.75 miles southwest of the project site, and Brackett Field Airport 11.5 miles southeast of the site. The project site is not located in the Airport Influence Area for either airport (LACDRP, 2003). The project would not subject workers, clients, residents, or visitors of the project to public-use airport-related noise. Therefore, no impact would occur and further analysis						
is r	not warranted within the Draft EIR.					
Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
f)	For a project located in the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?					

No Impact. The nearest private airstrip to the project site is the ABC-7-TV Heliport, located approximately 17 miles southwest of the project site (Toll Free Airline, 2016). Proposed project development would not subject workers, clients, residents, or visitors of the project to private

airport-related noise. Therefore, no impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

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Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LACDRP). 2003, May 13. El Monte Airport and Brackett Field Airport: Airport Influence Area. Available at: www.planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd_alup.pdf. Accessed on May 4, 2016.

Toll Free Airline, 2016. Los Angeles County Public and Private Airports, Available at: www.tollfreeairline.com/california/losangeles.htm, Accessed May 4, 2016.

Population and Housing

Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
13.	POPULATION AND HOUSING — Would the project:				
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				

No Impact. The project site is currently an active quarry and does not contain existing housing units. The project proposes that the new Buena Vista SPS would serve as a permanent placement and storage for sediment collected from the cleanout of debris basins and reservoirs maintained by the District. Long-term operation of the proposed project would employ at a maximum five employees from the District's existing workforce. No impacts related to inducing population growth would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing units, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

No Impact. The project site is currently an active quarry and does not contain existing housing units. Implementation of the proposed project would not remove any existing housing units and, therefore, the project would not displace any existing housing and would not necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. No impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Public Services

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
14.	PUBLIC SERVICES — Would the project:				
a)	Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of, or the need for, new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the following public services:				
	i) Fire protection?			\boxtimes	

Less than Significant Impact. The City of Irwindale is included in the County of Los Angeles Consolidated Fire District, which maintains a single fire station in the City, Station No. 48. This station, located at 15546 Arrow Highway is approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the project site and consists of 16 full-time fire fighters (City of Irwindale, 2008). Station No. 48 would serve the proposed project during the construction and operation phases. The proposed project would be designed to meet all applicable fire safety codes, including access requirements to the site.

The proposed project includes the transport and depositing of excess sediment collected from the District's existing flood control facilities. The proposed project includes truck trips to transport the sediment from across the District to the proposed Buena Vista SPS and would not result in increased demand for fire protection and emergency medical services. Therefore, impacts related to fire protection would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ii) Police protection?				\boxtimes

No Impact. The Irwindale Police Department (IPD) provides police protection and emergency services to the project site and the surrounding area. The IPD is located at 5050 N Irwindale Ave, which is located approximately 2.85 miles southwest of the project site (City of Irwindale, 2016a). Implementation of the proposed project would not result in an increased number of residents or full time employees, therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not result in an increased demand for police services, potentially resulting in the need for new or expanded police facilities. Therefore, no impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted in the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
iii) Schools?				\boxtimes
No Impact. The proposed project would not creat increase the local population that would require a would occur and further analysis is not warranted	n increase of	f student at loc	•	
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
iv) Parks?				\boxtimes
thus, would not result in an increase in use of neighte potential need for additional parkland. No importanted within the Draft EIR.				
Issues (and Supporting Information Sources): v) Other public facilities?	Impact	Incorporation	Impact	No Impact
No Impact. The City of Irwindale Public Library Irwindale (City of Irwindale, 2016c). The propose component and, thus, would not result in an increfacilities. No impact would occur and further analysis.	ed project do ased need fo	oes not include or library servi	a residential	s, and
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City of Irwindale, 2008. City of Irwindale General	al Plan Upda	ute, June.		
City of Irwindale, 2016a. Police Department, Ava www.ci.irwindale.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1		d on May 4, 20)16.	
City of Irwindale, 2016b. Facilities/Rentals, Avai www.ci.irwindale.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1		d on May 4, 20)16.	
City of Irwindale, 2016c, Library. Available at: http://www.ci.irwindale.ca.us/index.aspx?n	<u>iid=121</u> , Acc	essed on May	4, 2016.	

Recreation

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less I han Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
15.	RECREATION — Would the project:				
a)	Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated?				
b)	Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

No Impact. The project site is currently an active quarry and does not contain existing housing units. Recreational facilities and programs in the City of Irwindale are provided by the Recreation Department, which manages the City's parkland and recreation facilities and programs (City of Irwindale, 2016b). The proposed project does not include a residential component and, thus, would not result in an increase in use of neighborhood and regional parks or contribute to the potential need for additional parkland. Additionally, the anticipated workers required for the proposed project would be similar or less than the current number of workers employed at the quarry and therefore, would not result in an increase in the city's workforce or population. Therefore, no impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

References

City of Irwindale, 2016b. Facilities/Rentals. Accessed on May 4, 2016, Available at: http://www.ci.irwindale.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=171

Transportation and Traffic

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
16.	TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC — Would the project:						
a)	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?						
b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?						
Potentially Significant Impact. Potential impacts of the proposed project will be discussed in the Draft EIR Less Than							
Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?						
No Impact. The nearest public-use airports to the project site are the El Monte Airport, located approximately 3.75 miles southwest of the project site and Brackett Field Airport, located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of the site. Given the project's distance from the airports, operation of the project would not result in a change to air traffic or alter air traffic patterns. Therefore, no impacts would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.							
Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?						

Potentially Significant Impact. Potential impacts of the proposed project will be discussed in the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?			\boxtimes	

Less than Significant Impact. Implementation of the proposed project would construct a new access road and gate, which would provide an additional entrance into the site for emergency response vehicles. With the addition of the new access road and entrance with the existing access road, adequate emergency access would be provided for the project site. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				

No Impact. It is not anticipated that construction activities would temporarily interfere with pedestrian access to sidewalks within the project vicinity due to the need for intersection and roadway improvements. There are no existing or proposed designated bike paths within the project vicinity. Additionally, there are no public transit lines that stop or terminate at the project site. Therefore, no impacts to public transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMA). 2010. 2010 Congestion Management Plan, Available at: http://media.metro.net/projects_studies/cmp/images/cmp_Final_2010.pdf, Accessed on May 4, 2016..

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Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS — Would the project:				•
a)	Conflict with wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
pro of t for full neg	Impact. The proposed project would allow the long its sediment management capabilities and the proposed project includes a small operation employees. However, the proposed project we letime employees and the amount of wastewater gligible and would not conflict with any wastewater would occur and further analysis is not wastewater.	d conserve act building, would employ er generated water treatment	Iditional storn hich will incluat maximum at the project sent requirement	nwater. Conside bathroom approximatel site would by ats. Therefor	struction n facilities y five
Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
use zor Uti wo Ad em	Impact. The proposed project is located within designation of Quarry Overlay – Open Space he and land use designation intends to establish lity Easements, commercial, and industrial usefuld not introduce any new land uses that would ditionally, no expansions are necessary to serve ployed during the operational phase of the profit further analysis is not warranted within the D	and zoning of regional-servers within the direquire new the five full posed project	designation of rving Quarries Quarry. The p v water or was ll-time employ	quarry (Q). and Flood (proposed proposed proposed facilities)	The Q Control, ject lities. uld be
Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities, or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				

Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed project includes drainage system improvements would be served by the existing drainage system and stormwater would continue to drain into the bottom of the quarry similar to existing conditions. Therefore, the proposed project would not

result in a long-term impact on the existing storm drain system. Thus, impacts would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				

Less Than Significant Impact. Minimal amounts of water may be required for dust suppression when unloading sediment into United Rock Quarry No 3. However, new or expanded water supplies entitlements would not be necessary to serve the proposed project and impacts would be less than significant.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that would serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				

No Impact. Construction of the proposed project includes a small operation building, which will include bathroom facilities for employees. However, the proposed project would employ approximately five full-time employees and the amount of wastewater generated at the project site would by negligible and would not conflict with any wastewater treatment requirements. Therefore, no impact would occur and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially			
		Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporation	Significant Impact	No Impact
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				

Less Than Significant Impact. Construction of the proposed project would be required to incorporate source reduction techniques and recycling measures, and maintain a recycling program to divert waste in accordance with the County's Integrated Waste Management Plan. These measures would minimize the amount of construction debris generated by the proposed project that would need to be disposed of in a landfill. Further, during operation of the proposed project, sediment would be transported and deposited into the proposed Buena Vista SPS, which has a relatively low potential to generate trash and debris. Further, all applicable regulations related to reducing solid waste, including the County's Integrated Waste Management Plan, would ensure the proper handling and disposal of solid waste associated with the proposed

project. Therefore, impacts related to solid waste would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			\boxtimes	

Less than Significant Impact. While the proposed project has a low potential to generate solid waste, the proposed project would be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes and regulations pertaining to solid waste disposal. Therefore, impacts related to solid waste materials are considered less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Energy

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
18.	ENERGY — Would the project:				
a)	Result in a substantial increase in overall or per capita energy consumption?				
b)	Result in wasteful or unnecessary consumption of energy?				
c)	Require or result in the construction of new sources of energy supplies or additional energy infrastructure capacity the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
d)	Conflict with applicable energy efficiency policies or standards?			\boxtimes	

a. Less Than Significant Impact. Currently, the project site is an existing open-pit mine, where the proposed project would construct site improvements, which consists of site drainage improvements, enhanced lighting, a new entrance gate, a small operation building, and measurement scales for truckloads. Implementation of the proposed project would truck excess sediment collected from the District's existing flood control facilities to the project site and fill the open-pit mine up to grade for future use as either a spreading ground or as other local uses, such as recreational open space.

Construction of the new entrance gate and small operation building would require use of non-renewable energy in the form of gasoline and diesel to power construction equipment. The contractor trailers would be supplied with electricity from the local power grid. This energy usage would be temporary and consistent with basic needs of a construction effort of this size.

Additionally, construction would result in the import of fill material to raise the area for the haul roads to grade. This is consistent with typical construction activities where fill needs to be imported to or materials exported to level a site. Soil will be obtained from the closest feasible source to minimize fuel consumption.

The operation of the project would result in an average of 400 truck trips per day with a maximum of 1,250 based on emergency demand. These trips would occur regardless of if the project is implemented only the distance to which the trucks would have to travel would increase based on the location of the next closest sediment disposal facility. The project would also implement a small operations building, truck scales, and enhanced lighting features during operation of the proposed project.

Electricity

The project would receive its electricity from Southern California Edison SCE. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) are constantly assessing population growth, electricity demand, and reliability. As discussed on the

CEC's website, the CEC is tasked with conducting assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand and prices. The CEC uses these assessments and forecasts to develop energy policies, that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety (Public Resources Code Section 25301(a)).

SCE provides electricity to approximately 15 million people, 5,000 large businesses, and 280,000 small businesses throughout its 50,000-square-mile service area, which includes 180 cities across 15 counties in central coastal and southern California (SCE,2015).

The proposed project would require consumption of electricity for the operation of new site activities, such as the use of equipment, scales, lighting, etc. The project's estimated annual energy consumption for electricity would be 196,896 kWh/year (0.0002 GWH/yr). This rate is based on generation factors provided in the 2016 SCAQMD California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod). In 2015 SCE users consumed 86,704 GWh. Therefore the project's usage is substantially less than 0.01 percent of the annual consumption in 2015². Additionally, the building would be required to meet the California's Green Building Codes and therefore would not result in inefficient use of electricity.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is provided to the project site by the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas). According to the 2016 California Gas Report, the most recent report available, California natural gas demand is expected to decrease at a modest rate of 1.4 percent per year from 2016 to 2035 for residential, commercial, electric generation, and industrial markets, with SoCalGas projecting a 0.6 percent decrease during the same time period (CGEU, 2016). The 2016 California Gas Report indicates that, with only minor variations from year to year, SoCal Gas has the capacity to provide approximately 1,414 billion cubic feet (bcf) per year in 2020 and has is projected to provide 934 bcf during the same year. (CGEU, 2016).

The project's estimated use of natural gas is based on generation factors provided in the 2016 SCAQMD California Emissions Estimator Model. As indicated therein, the project would generate a demand for approximately 3,984 cf/year (3.984e⁻⁶ bcf), which represents substantially less than 0.01 percent of the estimated annual demand.³ This amount is negligible and is within the anticipated service capabilities of SoCal Gas. Additionally, the building would be required to meet the California's Green Building Codes and therefore would not result in inefficient use of natural gas.

Transportation Fuel Use

CEC 2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report available online at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/2015_energypolicy/index.html

² Project represents 2.3e⁻⁹ percent of the total SCE demand for 2015.

³ Project represents 2.8e-9 percent of the SoCalGas capacity projected for 2020.

Construction and operation of the project would result in transportation-related energy use primarily as the result of gasoline and diesel consumption. Construction equipment associated with project would comply with energy-saving measures, such as the CARB anti-idling regulation, which generally limits idling from trucks to five minutes at any location. Additionally the project would require newer equipment and haul truck fleets therefore increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions generation.

The proposed project is not generating new trips as if the project was not implemented the sediment would need to be transported to other locations, potentially a greater distance away. Therefore, fuel consumption and emissions modeling for operational haul trucks is based on the distance from the proposed project site to the intersection of the I-210 and the I-605 freeways. Construction haul trips and construction and operational employee haul trips emissions and fuel consumption were based on the default trip lengths in the CalEEMod model. Based on the modeling, the proposed project would consume 246,518 gallons of diesel fuel and 3,372 gallons of gasoline during construction. Operational activities would consume 44,644 gallons of diesel and 1,923 gallons of gasoline in a typical year.

According to the California Board of Equalization, annual fuel consumption in California in 2016 was 2,907,685,193 gallons of diesel fuel and 15,297,030,909 gallons of gasoline. The proposed project would represent substantially less than 0.001 percent of the total consumption in 2016,⁴ representing a negligible contribution to the states consumption of transportation fuels.

Because the projects consumption of electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuels are negligible compared to the current usage and demand, the proposed project would not result in a substantial increase in overall or per capita energy consumption. Therefore the project would result in less than significant impacts.

b. Less Than Significant Impact The proposed project's construction activities would require that the equipment meet Standard Tier 4 final equipment standards resulting in increased energy and fuel conservation. Additionally the construction and operational fleet would be required to meet at least 2012 model engine standards, again increasing engine efficiencies. The project would comply with current regulations limiting idling to five minutes at a location for both construction equipment and haul trucks, hence reducing fuel consumption. The proposed project would require the construction of an operations building, this building would be constructed in compliance with the current Green Building standards and, as such, would increase energy efficiencies. The project is only providing minimal lighting needed along the haul routes and is not lighting the deposition areas unless emergency situations dictate operations continue after dark. During this time, temporary mobile lighting would be implemented and would operate only as needed. Therefore the proposed project would not result in the wasteful or unnecessary consumption of energy. This would be in a less than significant impact.

c. Less Than Significant Impact.

⁴ For construction diesel use represents 8.48e⁻⁵ percent of the state consumption and gasoline represents 2.2e⁻⁷ percent of the state consumption. For operational activities the project represents 1.54e⁻⁵ percent of diesel and 1.26 e⁻⁷ percent of gasoline consumption within the state.

As detailed in a. above, the proposed project would result in a negligible increase in consumption of electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuels compared to the existing demand and capacity. Therefore the proposed project's demand would be accounted for in the existing capacity. The proposed project would not result in the need for or the construction of new sources of energy supplies or additional energy infrastructure capacity. Therefore the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact.

d. Less Than Significant Impact.

The proposed project's construction activities would require that the equipment meet Standard Tier 4 final equipment standards resulting in increased energy and fuel conservation. Additionally the construction and operational fleet would be required to meet at least 2012 model engine standards, again increasing engine efficiencies. The project would comply with current regulations limiting idling to five minutes at a location for both construction equipment and haul trucks, hence reducing fuel consumption. The proposed project would require the construction of an operations building, this building would be constructed in compliance with the current Green Building standards and, as such, would increase energy efficiencies. Therefore the proposed project would not conflict with applicable energy efficiencies or standards and would result in a less than significant impact.

Mandatory Findings of Significance

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
19.	MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE — Would the project:				
a)	Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				

Less Than Significant Impact. As stated above in Biological Resources, the proposed project does not have the potential to substantially reduce habitat for fish or wildlife, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, eliminate a plant or animal community, or reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal (refer to Biological Resources for full analysis). Additionally, as stated above in Cultural Resources, the proposed project would not eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory (refer to Cultural Resources for full analysis). Impacts would be less than significant and further analysis is not warranted within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				

Potentially Significant Impact. The proposed project, in conjunction with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future related projects, has the potential to result in significant cumulative impacts when the independent impacts of the proposed project and the impacts of related projects combine to create impacts greater than those of the proposed project alone. A list of the related projects or growth projections will be developed for the Draft EIR. The cumulative impacts that will be analyzed will be the same as the individual resource areas to be evaluated in the Draft EIR, which include air quality, geology/soils and mineral resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation and traffic. The extent and significance of potential cumulative impacts resulting from the combined effects of the proposed project plus other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects will be further evaluated within the Draft EIR.

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Have environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	\boxtimes			

Potentially Significant Impact. Potentially significant impacts to the following resources may have potential to cause substantial adverse effects on human beings: air quality, geology/soils and mineral resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation and traffic. Impacts to each of these resources will be further evaluated within the Draft EIR.