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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project (EIR No. 7763 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667)

SUMMARY: The County of Fresno (County) is issuing this Notice of Availability (Notice) to advise other agencies and the public that the County has prepared a Final EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project (Project) within a portion of unincorporated Fresno County, California (see APNs and latitude and longitude listed below). As the local land use authority, Fresno County authorizes mining activities on unincorporated lands through the issuance of Conditional Use Permits and approval of Reclamation Plans pursuant to Section 834.4.220 of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance.

CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific LLC (the "Applicant") has applied to the County for two Unclassified Conditional Use Permits (CUP Application Nos. 3666 and 3667) to allow the continuation and modification of the Rockfield Quarry's current aggregate (rock, sand, and gravel) mining and processing operations. The project is located at two separate sites approximately two miles apart. The first, the Plant Site, is located on the west side of North Friant Road between North Willow Avenue and Little Dry Creek, and the second, the Quarry Site, is located on the west side of North Friant Road between Bluff View Avenue and Lost Lake Road. The County is the lead agency for preparation of the EIR (EIR No. 7763) and is providing this Notice and the Final EIR, including the County's proposed responses to comments, pursuant to Section 15088(b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs):

Plant Site APNs: 300-070-43ST (part), 300-070-48ST (part), 300-070-50ST (part), 300-070-56S, 300-070-57S, 300-070-58S, 300-070-59S, and 300-070-60S (Latitude: 36°55'44" N / Longitude: 119°44'12" W)

Quarry Site APNs: 300-040-19, 300-040-20, 300-080-01S, 300-250-12, and 300-310-01 (part) (Latitude: 36°57'20" N / Longitude: 119°44'00" W)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Applicant is requesting the continuation and modification of its current aggregate (rock, sand, and gravel) mining and processing operations. The Project includes the following two project life stages that are estimated to span 100 years:

Stage 1:

- Continue concurrent operations at both the Quarry Site and the Plant Site for up to 30 years.
- At the Plant Site, the existing aggregate processing plant would continue to be used to wash, screen, crush and sort aggregate mined on site.
- At the Quarry Site the hard rock deposit that lies beneath the alluvial deposit currently being mined would be mined. Excavation of the hard rock would require drilling and blasting and would occur to a depth of approximately 600 feet below ground surface (bgs).
- An aggregate processing plant would be added to the Quarry Site to wash, screen, crush, and sort the hard rock to be mined on site.
- Aggregate products produced at the Quarry Site used at the asphalt and ready-mix plants at the Plant Site would be transported approximately 2 miles south to the Plant Site via Friant Road in the same manner as the raw aggregate currently being transported from the Quarry Site to the Plant Site for the existing operations.
- Other aggregate products produced at the Quarry Site not used by the asphalt and ready-mix plants at the Plant Site would be sold directly from the quarry.
- The existing asphalt plant at the Plant Site would be replaced with a modern Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) plant.
- Periodic use of a portable crushing plant to recycle come-back concrete would continue with the addition of asphalt recycling and import of concrete debris to recycle into crushed miscellaneous base (CMB) and asphalt debris to be recycled asphalt product (RAP).
- Mine the remaining alluvial deposit at the Plant Site to a depth of approximately 85 feet below ground surface (bgs).
- Relocation of the plant operations at the Plant Site to the Quarry Site in less than 30 years to recover the deposit beneath the plants.
- Upon approval of project permits, the combined annual sales of aggregate from both sites are estimated to ramp up from the 1.4 MT allowed under the current permits to 2.0 MT in approximately five years and up to 3.0 MT in approximately 10 years.
- When mining is completed at the Plant Site, reclamation would consist of approximately 138.5 acres of open space, riparian and open water wildlife habitat.

Stage 2:

- Continue hard rock mining and processing operations only at the Quarry Site for approximately 70 more years. The ready-mix concrete plant and the hot-mix asphalt plant would be relocated from the Plant Site to the Quarry Site.
- The periodic use of a portable plant to recycle concrete and asphalt debris (including imported) into CMB and RAP would be added to the Quarry Site.
- All aggregate products produced at the Quarry Site would be used by the on-site asphalt and ready-mix plants or sold directly from the Quarry Site. The interplant haul would cease.
- Stage 2 operations are estimated to have annual aggregate sales of 3.0 MT.
- Reclamation of the Quarry Site would create approximately 352.4 acres of open space, riparian and open water wildlife habitat.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Final EIR identifies the following significant and unavoidable impacts. Other potentially significant impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR.

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources: The project would have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista and would substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the project sites from two locations. Mitigation would require the exposed rock of the quarry pit wall to be stained to reduce contrast and visibility.
- Transportation: The project would cause unacceptable levels of service at two intersections. Mitigation would require roadway and intersection improvements or equitable-share contributions; however, the impact would remain significant and unavoidable because implementation of the necessary improvements cannot be assured.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Beginning September 28, 2026, the CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification Project Final EIR (EIR No. 7763) and its supporting technical and reference documents will be available at the following locations:

- **Fresno County Planning and Land Use Division:** 2220 Tulare St., 6th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721
- **CEQAnet Web Portal (SCH #2020060123):** <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>
- **Fresno County Website (Rockfield Modification Project):** <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/eir7763>

PUBLIC HEARING: The Fresno County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 8, 2026, to consider certification of the CEMEX Rockfield Quarry Modification

Project Final EIR (EIR No. 7763) and approval of the proposed project, including Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667 and the associated Reclamation Plan. The hearing time, location, agenda, and participation instructions will be provided in the County's public hearing notice and posted on the County's website.