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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2010071036

**Project Title:** Austin Quarry Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2016-051-04 (ITP) Major Amendment No. 5)

**Project Location (Madera County):** The Austin Quarry Project is located southwest of the intersection of State Route (SR) 145 and SR 41 in central Madera County and approximately 12 miles east of the City of Madera and includes a portion of the SR 145 right-of-way which adjoins the Project site to the north.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an amended ITP (No. 2081-2016-051-04), pursuant to Section 2081(b) of the Fish and Game Code to CalMat Company dba Vulcan Materials Company, West Region.

The Austin Quarry Project involves the development and operation of a hard rock quarry and improvements to SR 145 within an approximately 365.44-acre area. Major Amendment No. 5 authorizes incidental take of western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*, BUOW) and extends the deadline for completing compensatory mitigation through purchase of conservation bank credits. The Austin Quarry Project will result in permanent and temporary impacts to 349.55 acres and 6.91 acres, respectively, of habitat for California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*; CTS) and permanent impacts to 147.55 acres of habitat for BUOW. The Austin Quarry Project is expected to result in incidental take of CTS and BUOW, which is designated as a

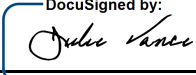
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threatened species and candidate species, respectively, under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The amended ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of the Project.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 3/27/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. An environmental impact report **was** prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

The environmental impact report prepared by Madera County Planning Department for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for Madera County Planning Department. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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