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SCH #: 2024081205

Project Title: Mojave Life of Mine Reclamation Plan Amendment Project by CalPortland Company

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

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Project Location: Unincorporated Tehachapi Kern County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed Mojave Life of Mine Reclamation Plan Amendment Project consists of reclamation activities, such as recontouring, stabilizing, revegetation, and monitoring of final slopes and disturbed mining areas; reclamation of roads and ancillary equipment and facilities; and removal of the processing and cement plant facilities within the approximately 4,367-acre proposed project site. Although some reclamation activities are and would continue to be performed concurrent with ongoing mining and processing, reclamation activities for final site reclamation would occur after the completion of mining and processing operations. Reclamation of continued operations would require the approval of the proposed project which would amend the approximately 1,542-acre existing reclamation plan (approved in 1979) through approval of the proposed approximately 4,367-acre reclamation plan, which is within the boundaries of the approximately 6,658-acre vested properties owned by the project proponent (on which the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department determined, on March 15, 2021, that mining and processing activities are a legal nonconforming (vested) use).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant adverse environmental impacts that would result from the proposed project are evaluated in Chapter 4, Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures. The mitigation measures and impact conclusions are summarized in Chapter 1, Executive Summary, which includes a summary table of impact conclusions for all topic areas. This Draft EIR concludes that, even with the implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project has the potential to cause significant and unavoidable impacts in the following impact categories:

- Biological Resources (project-level only)

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Areas of controversy were identified through written agency and public comments received during the scoping period. Public comments received during the scoping period are summarized in Chapter 2, Introduction, and provided in Appendix A.2. In summary, the following issues were identified during scoping and are addressed in the appropriate sections of Chapter 4, Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures:

- Potential conflicts with California High-Speed Rail alignment, including those related to transportation, air quality, land use, and recreational use of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
- Potential impacts to biological resources (animal and plant species), and to any river, stream, or lake.
- Potential impacts to waters of the State, including management of stormwater, pollution of storm water, and hazardous materials spills.
- Concerns regarding potential impacts to solar power generation in the vicinity, specifically reduction in sunlight due to dust and stockpiles.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Federal Agencies

Mine Safety and Health Administration; Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Resource Conservation Districts (Tehachapi, Eastern Kern County, and Antelope Valley); Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service; Postal Service; Air Force; Army; Navy; Marine Corps

State Agencies

State Department of Industrial Relations CAL/OSHA; California High-Speed Rail Authority; California Native American Heritage Commission; California Air Resources Board; South San Joaquin Valley Archaeological Information Center; California Department of Transportation; State Clearinghouse; California Department of Conservation (Director's Office; Geologic Energy Management Division; Division of Land Resource Protection; Division of Mine Reclamation; Department of Resources, Recycling, & Recovery); Office of the State Geologist; California Geological Survey; California Mining and Geology Board; California State University Bakersfield - Library; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; State Water Resources Control Board, Lahontan Region

Local Agencies

Local Agency Formation Commission; Kern County Administrative Officer; Kern County Public Works Department; Kern County Public Health Services Department, Environmental Health Division; Kern County Fire Department; Kern County Library; Kern County Parks & Recreation Department; Kern County Sheriff's Department; Mojave Unified School District; Tehachapi Unified School District; Kern County Superintendent of Schools; Golden Hills Community Services District; Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District; Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency; Kern County Water Agency; Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District; Native American Heritage Council of Kern County; Kern Valley Indian Council; Tehachapi Recreation and Parks District; Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department