



# San Luis Obispo County

## Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCOPING MEETING

#### HANSON AGGREGATES (SANTA MARGARITA QUARRY EXPANSION) CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT / RECLAMATION PLAN AMENDMENT

##### **What:**

The San Luis Obispo County Planning & Building Department (Planning) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Hanson Aggregates (Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion) Conditional Use Permit / Reclamation Plan Amendment. The Planning Department invites you and other interested persons and organizations to comment on the environmental issues to be evaluated as we proceed with environmental review of the project.

The subject of the EIR and the scoping meeting is a request by Hanson Aggregates-Mid Pacific for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment to allow for the expansion of an existing surface mine (See Figure 2). The purpose of the request is to extend the existing entitled timeframe for mining operations at the Santa Margarita Quarry. The extended entitlement timeframe for mining operations would be achieved by adding an additional 33 acres to the existing entitled 160 acre Reclamation Plan Area boundary (see Figure 4). The project will result in the disturbance of approximately 193 acres on eight parcels totaling 2,175.6 acres in size (APN 070-091-037 = 1,708.8 acres, APN 070-121-021 = 73.4 acres, APN 070-131-003 = 205.8 acres, APN 070-131-018 = 5.4 acres, APN 070-131-022 = 78.7 acres, APN 070-141-006 = 35.9, APN 070-141-054 = 50.2 acres, APN 070-154-033 = 17.4 acres). As proposed, the estimated duration of mining activities would be approximately 59 years with an additional 5 years to complete the proposed reclamation plan.

It is estimated that approximately 11,700,000 tons of mining reserves remain under the current entitlement and that the proposed expansion would provide an additional 21,500,000 tons of reserves, for a combined total of 33,200,000 tons of reserves over the estimated duration of mining activities (see Figure 6). The existing entitlement limits the mining operation to a maximum annual extraction of 700,000 tons of reserves, which would also be the yearly maximum for the life of the proposed project. The existing entitlement also limits the number of daily truckloads and the operating hours, which would be in place for the life of the proposed project. The existing mining operation employs 15 full-time positions, and changes are not anticipated in the employment levels as a result of the proposed project.

The proposed project is within the Rural Lands and Agriculture land use categories and is located at 16815 El Camino Real, north of Highway 58 and approximately three (3) miles

northeast of the community of Santa Margarita (see Figure 1). The site is in the Salinas River planning area.

The scoping meeting discussion will be focused on environmental concerns, the scope of the project environmental document, feasible ways in which project impacts may be minimized to insignificant levels (mitigation measures) and potential alternatives to the project. The Preliminary Environmental Review Summary provides a list of potential project environmental impacts and will be used as a starting point for discussion during the meeting. Any other environmental concerns may be raised by the public at the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted and should be submitted to Xzandrea Fowler, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408, **no later than July 22, 2013.**

### **Where/When:**

The Scoping Meeting for this project will be held on **June 27, 2013** at **6:00pm** at the **Santa Margarita Elementary School, 22070 H Street, Santa Margarita, CA 93453.**

### **Further Information:**

The Preliminary Environmental Review Summary (as well as all referenced studies prepared for the project) is available on the Planning Department's website: <http://www.sloplanning.org> under "Environmental and Natural Resources ..." then "Environmental Notices... and Hanson (Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion)".

We encourage your participation in this process; please pass on this information to others you feel would be interested in attending this meeting. We look forward to your participation on June 27, 2013 at the Santa Margarita Elementary School, 22070 H Street, Santa Margarita, CA 93453.

Please contact Xzandrea Fowler at (805) 781-1172 or [xfowler@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:xfowler@co.slo.ca.us) for additional information.



Hanson Aggregates (Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion) Site Vicinity Map