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PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES**

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4.9.1 Existing Conditions

The proposed surface mining operation is located north of both SR 58 and the Coastal Branch of the California Aqueduct, approximately 3 miles northeast of the unincorporated community of Santa Margarita. The nearest San Luis Obispo County Sheriff station is located in Templeton, approximately 15 miles to the northwest. The nearest fire station, Parkhill Station #40, located approximately one mile to the southeast of the site, is staffed by the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, through a contract with CalFire. The site is located within the Atascadero Unified School District. No urban services (i.e., water or wastewater) are presently provided to the site.

4.9.2 San Luis Obispo County Plans and Policies

Table 4.9-1 presents a preliminary review of Plans and Policies of the San Luis Obispo County General Plan that are applicable to Public Services and Utilities issues relative to this proposed surface mining operation.

**TABLE 4.9-1
POLICY CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS – PUBLIC SERVICES**

Source	Policy Statement	Discussion	Preliminary Determination
Land Use Element Planning Principle 1, Policy 2	Keep the amount, location and rate of growth allowed by the Land Use Element within the sustainable capacity of resources, public services and facilities.	The proposed project's scale of potential employment is not large enough to cause a large migration of people to the area and cause a strain on any of these factors.	Potentially Consistent
Land Use Element Planning Principle 5, Policy 3	Coordinate land use and transportation planning to ensure that all transportation demands can be safely and adequately accommodated.	CalTrans, Public Works, and the Planning Department have been part of the planning process. The project will be compliant with all transportation demands.	Potentially Consistent
Safety Element Policy S-13	New development in fire hazard areas should be configured to minimize the potential for added danger.	CALFIRE has been contacted and responded with their recommendations. The project will be compliant with these recommendations.	Potentially Consistent
Safety Element Policy S-14	Ensure that adequate facilities, equipment, and personnel are available to meet the demands of fire fighting in San Luis Obispo County based on the level of service set forth in the fire agency's master plan.	CALFIRE has been contacted and responded with their recommendations. The project will be compliant with these recommendations.	Potentially Consistent

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4.9.3 Regulatory Setting

Other than the regulations stated in the “Commercial Fire Plan Review” letter from Cal Fire/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, dated July 9, 2010, no unique regulations apply to the delivery of public services to the project site.

4.9.4 Assessment Methodology

Through the Notice of Preparation process, public service agencies were requested to identify potential problems they might encounter in providing services to the project site.

4.9.5 Significance Criteria

With appropriate consideration of the significance criteria presented in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, the County of San Luis Obispo has developed and adopted the following significance criteria to determine project effects for Public Services/Utilities within San Luis Obispo County. Accordingly, the Las Pilitas Quarry project will have a significant impact if it will result in the (unmet) need for new or altered public services in one or more of the following areas: fire protection; police protection; schools; roads; solid waste or other public facilities.

4.9.6 Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The project will contribute to an increase in some public service demands (police and fire), but existing service providers indicated that they can meet these demands without adversely affecting their services provided to other areas of the County. The project will not affect schools. The applicant will be required to pay applicable public facility fees, in accordance with Title 18 of the San Luis Obispo County Code (Public Facilities Fee Ordinance). Public Service impacts are considered potentially significant but mitigable, upon payment of these fees.

Description of Impact	Mitigation Measure	Residual impact
IMPACT PS-1: Increase in Fire Hazards. The project will contribute to an increase in fire hazards by introducing sources of ignition including: blasting and construction equipment, into a high fire hazard severity zone.	MM PS-1: Increase in Fire Hazards. Mitigation HAZ-5 serves as adequate mitigation for Impact PS-1.	Less than significant
IMPACT PS-2: Demand for Public Services. The project will contribute a small increment to demand for other public services, which can be provided by the appropriate public service providers (police, schools, roads and solid waste).	MM PS-2: Demand for Public Services. Since this effect is less than significant, no mitigation is required.	Less than significant

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Cumulative Effects

The project is about one-half mile from the existing Hanson Santa Margarita Quarry. Both quarries are within the EX1 Extractive Resource Combining Designation, as shown on Figure 3-1. In this region, the EX1 Combining Designation is placed over the La Panza Granitics, a large area that is classified as MRZ-2 by the California State Geological Survey (1989:9). Since this Combining Designation is specifically intended to protect mineral resources, it is reasonable to expect that future quarries will be approved and constructed in this area.

This project, along with others in the area, will have a cumulative effect on road facilities as well as police and fire protection, and will not affect schools. The project's cumulative impacts are within the general assumptions of growth projected in this area. Public facility (Title 18 of the San Luis Obispo County Code), and school (State Government Code 65995 et seq.) fee programs have been adopted to address this impact. Additionally, the project is subject to Section 22.36.110 that may require payment of fees to the County Public Works Department for impacts to County roads.

In summary, due to the relatively small amount of impacts to public services from the proposed project and the existing Hanson Quarry, as well as adopted fee programs, potential cumulative impacts to Public Services and Utilities are less than significant.

Description of Impact	Mitigation Measure	Residual impact
IMPACT PS-3: Cumulative Effects related to Public Services and Utilities. This project, along with others in the area, will have a cumulative effect on road facilities as well as police and fire protection, and will not affect schools.	MM PS-3: Cumulative Effects related to Public Services and Utilities. Since this effect is less than significant, no mitigation is required.	Less than significant

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