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San Luis Obispo County  
Department of Planning and Building  
Attn: Jeff Oliveira  
976 Osos Street, Room 300  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93480

Government Code Section 66455.1 Review of 40-SLO-13, Notice of Scoping Meeting for Proposed Environmental Impact Report for Las Pilitas Quarry Mining Operation, Las Pilitas Resources, LLC, Near Coastal Aqueduct Milepost 61.71, San Joaquin Field Division, City of Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Oliveira:

The County of San Luis Obispo (County) is conducting scoping meetings, prior to preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, for a rock quarry mining operation proposed by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC (Applicant). The proposed surface mining operation is located north of both State Route 58 and the Coastal Aqueduct (Aqueduct,) approximately 3 miles northeast from the town of Santa Margarita. Concurrent with our review of the environmental document preparation materials, the Applicant also applied to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for an Encroachment Permit (EP-1527). EP-1527 is for a road, which crosses over the Aqueduct and will allow for access between State Route 58 and the proposed mining operation. At this time, there is insufficient detail to allow for a full review by DWR. Greater detail of the proposed mining operation is required to address any potential environmental impacts from the Applicant's project. We defer comment under Section 66455.1, until such time as a comprehensive environmental document has been prepared and circulated for review.

We request that the County direct copies of future environmental documents related to the project to DWR headquarters, as well as DWR field offices responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Aqueduct in this location. Please send future correspondence to the following:

Central Coast Water Authority  
Attn: John Brady  
255 Industrial Way  
Buellton, CA 93427

DWR San Joaquin Field Division  
Attn: Mohammed Mohammed  
4201 Sabodan Street  
Bakersfield, California 93313

Department of Water Resources  
Attn: Leroy Ellinghouse  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 641-2  
Sacramento, California 95814

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If you have any questions, please contact Scott Williams of my staff at (916) 653-5746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leroy Ellinghouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "E".

Leroy Ellinghouse, Chief  
State Water Project Encroachment Section  
Division of Operations and Maintenance