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February 1, 2010

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Re: Notice of Preparation, Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
Pankey Sand and Gravel CUP and Reclamation Plan
SCH# 2008041021

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As the state agency responsible for rail safety within California, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) recommends that development projects proposed near rail corridors be planned with the safety of these corridors in mind. New developments and improvements to existing facilities may increase vehicular traffic volumes, not only on streets and at intersections, but also at at-grade highway-rail crossings. In addition, projects may increase pedestrian traffic at crossings, and elsewhere along rail corridor rights-of-way. Working with CPUC staff early in project planning will help project proponents, agency staff, and other reviewers to identify potential project impacts and appropriate mitigation measures, and thereby improve the safety of motorists, pedestrians, railroad personnel, and railroad passengers.

The traffic impact study within the traffic/circulation section of the DEIR needs to specifically consider safety issues to at-grade railroad crossings. In addition to the potential impacts of the proposed project itself, the DEIR needs to consider cumulative rail safety-related impacts created by other projects.

In general, the major types of impacts to consider are collisions between trains and vehicles, and between trains and pedestrians. The proposed project has the potential to increase vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity.

Measures to reduce adverse impacts to rail safety need to be considered in the DEIR. General categories of such measures include:

- Installation of grade separations at crossings, i.e., physically separating roads and railroad track by constructing overpasses or underpasses
- Improvements to warning devices at existing highway-rail crossings
- Installation of additional warning signage
- Improvements to traffic signaling at intersections adjacent to crossings, e.g., traffic preemption

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- Installation of median separation to prevent vehicles from driving around railroad crossing gates
- Prohibition of parking within 100 feet of crossings to improve the visibility of warning devices and approaching trains
- Installation of pedestrian-specific warning devices and channelization and sidewalks
- Construction of pull out lanes for buses and vehicles transporting hazardous materials
- Installation of vandal-resistant fencing or walls to limit the access of pedestrians onto the railroad right-of-way
- Elimination of driveways near crossings
- Increased enforcement of traffic laws at crossings
- Rail safety awareness programs to educate the public about the hazards of highway-rail grade crossings

Commission approval is required to modify an existing highway-rail crossing or to construct a new crossing.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We look forward to working with the County on this project. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at (415) 713-0092 or email at ms2@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Plankey Sand and Gravel CUP and Reclamation Plan- DRC2005-00193 (ED09-122)

Shaun E Cooper to: Murry Wilson

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Cc: Jan DiLeo

Hi Murry,

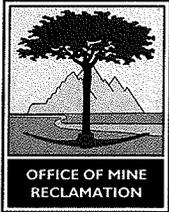
In reviewing the NOP - Draft EIR for the Plankey Sand and Gravel CUP and Reclamation Plan, Jan and I noted a couple of items parks may be interested in including:

1. Provide and maintain adequate fencing to restrict off-road vehicle access into the river from the applicant's property.
2. As part of the mining operation and/or reclamation plan, provide sections of the Salinas River to the County, the California Department of Fish and Game and/or similar entity to (a) provide a buffer between the river's natural areas and mining operation, (b) mitigate mining operation impacts to the river, and (c) to augment existing habitat protection and passive recreation along the river. Land offered to the County or State shall be for perpetuity.

We were thinking the inter-agency meeting may be a good forum to discuss. What do you think?

Thanks!

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Dear Mr. Wilson :

RECLAMATION PLAN FOR PANKEY SAND AND GRAVEL
DRC2005-00193

The Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) has reviewed the following documents submitted by the County of San Luis Obispo in a transmittal dated December 9, 2009:

- *Review Draft Reclamation Plan for the Proposed Pankey Sand and Gravel*, dated September 2009
- *Revised Project Statement/Supplement for the Proposed Pankey Sand and Gravel Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan*, dated August 29, 2009
- *Reclamation Plan for Pankey Sand and Gravel – Response to Comments*, dated September 2, 2009.

The project was formerly referred to as the Indian Valley Sand and Gravel Mine. OMR previously reviewed a reclamation plan for the Indian Valley Sand and Gravel Mine and submitted comment letters dated September 11, 2006 and February 8, 2008. The current submittal was prepared as a response to OMR's February, 8, 2008 comment letter and to address comments raised by several other regulatory agencies.

The applicant, Chad Pankey, is proposing to extract aggregate from the bed of the Salinas River and Vineyard Creek. The project site consists of 42.73 acres just north of the town of San Miguel. The applicant estimates that approximately 105,000 cubic yards of material will be removed annually for a period of 20 years.

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) (Public Resources Code section 2710 et seq.) and the State Mining and Geology Board Regulations (California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1) require that specific items be addressed or included in reclamation plans. While most of the issues raised in the OMR February 2008 comment letter have been adequately addressed in the various materials submitted, the following comments prepared by Leah Gardner, Restoration Ecologist, and Fred Gius, Engineering Geologist, are offered to assist in your review of this project. OMR recommends that the reclamation plan be supplemented and/or revised to fully address these items.

1. The County should clarify whether the supplemental documents included with the submittal of the Review Draft Reclamation Plan are considered part of the certified reclamation plan. If so, OMR recommends including the supplemental documents as an appendix to the reclamation plan in order to consolidate all information into one plan.

Mining Operation and Closure

(Refer to SMARA sections 2770, 2772, 2773, CCR sections 3502, 3709, 3713)

2. SMARA section 2772(c)(3) requires that the reclamation plan include a termination date. There was no termination date proposed by the operator, only that the mine will operate for a period of 20 years. OMR recommends that a termination date of December 31, 2030 be added to the reclamation plan.
3. CCR section 3713(a) requires all water wells and monitoring wells to be completed or abandoned in accordance with various sections of the California Water Code. The reclamation plan should include a statement that the seven proposed piezometers will be constructed and abandoned in accordance with CCR section 3713(a). The reclamation plan should also discuss the final end use of the piezometers after they are no longer required for groundwater monitoring.

Geotechnical Requirements

(Refer to CCR sections 3502, 3704)

4. The geologic maps (Sheets D1 through D4) prepared for the reclamation plan have apparently been stamped by a California-registered Landscape Architect. Pursuant to the Geologist and Geophysicist Act (Business and Professions Code sections 7800 – 7887), geologic maps shall be prepared by a California-registered Professional Geologist, or by a subordinate employee under his or her direction. In addition, they must be signed or stamped by the professional geologist indicating their responsibility for the maps. The professional geologist in general responsible charge should provide on the applicable maps and documents their signature, seal or stamp, date of signing and sealing, license number and expiration date prior to approval of the reclamation plan. The source of the data used to prepare the geologic maps presented on Sheets D1 through D4 needs to be referenced on the maps or in the reclamation plan. The 'updated Geologic Cross Section Map' referenced on Sheet D4 should be included in the reclamation plan.

5. According to page 94 of the July 17, 2009 Area-Wide Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) included as Appendix A of the reclamation plan, the excavation plan drawings (Appendix A of the AMP) are preliminary and the final excavation plans will be developed when the project is permitted. Since the reclamation plan relies heavily on the information presented in these excavation plans, they should be submitted for OMR's review prior to any substantial changes.

Hydrology and Water Quality

(Refer to SMARA sections 2772, 2773, CCR sections 3502, 3503, 3706, 3710, 3712)

6. According to the September 2, 2009 Response to Comments letter, the State Water Resources Control Board has determined that the project will require a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and that the monitoring requirements and water quality standards within the SWPPP will be incorporated into the reclamation plan when the SWPPP is obtained. Pursuant to CCR section 3710(a), the reclamation plan must ensure that surface water and groundwater will be protected from siltation and pollutants which may diminish water quality. Since the reclamation plan relies on the SWPPP to meet water quality, and erosion and sediment control requirements of SMARA, the operator must ensure the SWPPP complies with SMARA and that the reclamation plan includes a definitive statement that the operator will follow the requirements of the SWPPP.
7. The reclamation plan does not adequately demonstrate compliance with CCR section 3710(b) as requested in OMR's February 8, 2008 comment letter. The September 2, 2009 Response to Comments letter states that pertinent agencies have been notified and their requirements have been incorporated into the reclamation plan to the greatest extent feasible at this time. The reclamation plan should include a definitive statement clarifying that the requirements of CCR section 3710(b) will be met and that the operator will follow the requirements of the Streambed Alteration Agreement.
8. The monitoring program associated with the AMP appears to only cover the Salinas River. The reclamation plan must be revised to include a monitoring program for Vineyard Creek similar to the one established for reach S-1 of the Salinas River at a level that is appropriate for proposed excavation activities. For example, the monitoring program should (1) identify procedures to develop baseline conditions, (2) monitor piezometer P7 to ensure excavation depths are appropriate, (3) evaluate potential impacts to the Indian Valley Road bridge, (4) survey grading limits, and (5) prepare the necessary reports. In addition, since the AMP monitoring program will be implemented to meet CCR section 3710(c) and other applicable SMARA requirements, copies of the Monitoring Reports should be submitted to OMR to support our compliance monitoring.
9. According to SMARA section 2772(d), since the AMP is used to meet the requirements of SMARA, the AMP shall become part of the reclamation plan. Successful implementation of the AMP will require a commitment by the Lead Agency to use the monitoring data to regulate annual extraction rates, require the operator to follow the AMP, and require incorporation of the following two measures as presented on page 96 of the AMP:

- a) Complete a watershed-scale sediment budget analysis for determining the estimated average annual bedload sediment replenishment rate at the Site that reflects the influence of extractions made at existing permitted and proposed mining operations upstream from the Site.
 - b) Implement a reach-scale state-of-the-art monitoring plan that requires semi-annual site inspections to compile, confirm, and report the cumulative bed elevation and groundwater table monitoring data, identify and discuss general compliance or violations of the specific permit conditions, and recommend adaptive changes to the excavation plan and permit conditions deemed necessary to avoid, minimize, and mitigate Project impacts.
10. OMR recommends that the County of San Luis Obispo coordinate with the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee (Kevin Schwartz, 530-406-4887) and the County of Humboldt Extraction Review Team (707-445-7541) on lessons learned from their monitoring programs to help implement the AMP monitoring plan. These aggregate resources management teams have developed successful programs for evaluating potential impacts from in-stream mining. As suggested in Appendix K of the AMP, the lesson learned from the administration of those ongoing efforts will affect the final design of the AMP.

Resoiling and Revegetation

(Refer to SMARA section 2773, CCR sections 3503, 3704, 3705, 3707, 3711)

11. Revegetation performance standards have been added for cover, density, and species richness in table 4 on page 6 of the Reclamation Plan Narrative (Supplement J). An additional performance standard has been added for willow cuttings of 70-80%. However, to be meaningful, a term or unit of measure must be added to this figure. If it means 70-80% survivorship of all cuttings planted, then the words "survivorship of" willows could be added under *Cuttings*. An alternative would be to convert the percentage into a density of stems per a given area such as an acre or a 100 meter transect. For example, if 100 willow cuttings are planted per acre, the performance standard would be 70 plants per acre.

Administrative Requirements

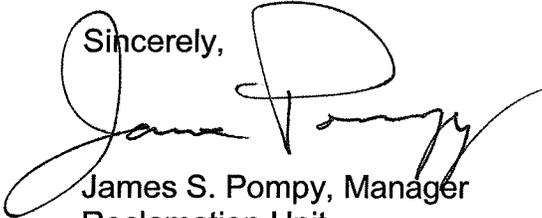
(Refer to SMARA sections 2772, 2773, 2774, 2776, 2777, PRC section 21151.7)

Recent legislation (Senate Bill 668, Chapter 869, Statutes of 2006) amended Public Resources Code section 2774 with respect to lead agency approvals of reclamation plans, plan amendments, and financial assurances. These new requirements are applicable to this reclamation plan. Once OMR has provided comments on the reclamation plan, a proposed response to the comments must be submitted to the Department at least 30 days prior to lead agency approval. The proposed response must describe whether you propose to adopt the comments. If you do not propose to adopt the comments, the reason(s) for not doing so must be specified in detail. At least 30 days prior notice must be provided to the Department of the time, place, and date of the hearing at which the reclamation plan is scheduled to be approved.

If no hearing is required, then at least 30 days notice must be given to the Department prior to its approval. Finally, within 30 days following approval of the reclamation plan, a final response to these comments must be sent to the Department. Please ensure that the County allows adequate time in the approval process to meet these new SMARA requirements.

If you have any questions on these comments or require any assistance with other mine reclamation issues, please contact me at (916) 323-5435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Pompy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

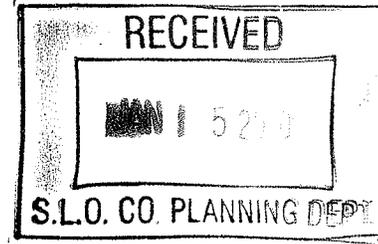
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January 13, 2010



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RE: SCH#2008041021 Pankey Sand and Gravel Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan; San Luis Obispo County.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check. **USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle name, township, range and section required.**
 - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. **Native American Contacts List attached.**
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SCH# 2008041021 Pankey Sand and Gravel Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan (DRC2005-00193); San Luis Obispo County.

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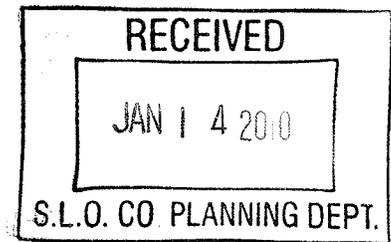
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RE: Draft Environmental Impact Report
DRC2005-00193 (ED09-122) Pankey Sand and Gravel CUP

CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire has reviewed the impact report for the sand and gravel pit mine located in the Salinas River bed in San Miguel. CAL FIRE concurs with the original letters submitted by our department. One change that is required is noted on page 32. The report states the closest fire station is #98 (Los Robles Camp). This camp is no longer operational. The closest fire station is station 30, located at 2510 Ramada Drive, Paso Robles.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 8, 2010

To: Murry Wilson, Project Planner

From: Glenn Marshall, Development Services Engineer *GM*

Subject: Public Works Referral Response for the Revised DRC2005-00193, Pankey Sand & Gravel Mining of the Salinas River and Vineyard Creek beds, 444 Indian Valley Rd, San Miguel

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the subject project. We have reviewed the revised project documents including the Revised Project Statement-dated August 26, 2009, the Revised Traffic Analysis-dated November 2, 2006, the Geomorph Study prepared by Matt Smeltzer-dated July 17, 2009, and the Initial Study Environmental Checklist-dated March 25, 2008. The following comments represent our review of these documents:

1. Contact person: Glenn Marshall, County Government Center Room 207, San Luis Obispo CA 93408. (805) 781-1596, gdmarshall@co.slo.ca.us.
2. County Public Works will review required public improvements including streets and utilities, as well as drainage and flood hazard, under the provisions of the Real Property Division Ordinance and the Land Use Ordinance.
3. For our use, the EIR must address project anticipated impacts to traffic and circulation, drainage and flood hazard. The Initial Study Checklist, and its Comments section, appears to adequately cover these topics. However, we do have the following comments to Section 12, Transportation / Circulation:
 - a. Since the project will be contributing peak hour trips to the intersection of River Road (14th Street) at Mission Street we recommend they pay their fair share into the San Miguel Road Impact Fee program for the future street signal. This mitigation was recommended with the original project but has since been dropped from the Initial Study discussion.
 - b. The first two sentences of the "Impact" section of the Initial Study are confusing with respect to the number of trips and types of vehicles. Our original haul fee calculations were based on 28 trucks per day (56 truck trips). Does the 34 trips per day pertain to the trucks only? Define the 203 material deliveries trips per day. How many employee trips? The traffic signal mitigation (3a above) should be based on the total peak hour trips generated by the site.
4. A list of "Standard Conditions" is available from our office and available upon request. Minimum conditions would include road improvements and drainage improvements.
5. We do not have any alternative projects to suggest for evaluation.
6. Aside from normal scheduled maintenance, this department does not have any reasonably foreseeable projects, programs or plans in the area of this proposed development.

7. The following information may be relevant for consideration in the EIR:
 - a. San Luis Obispo County Public Improvement Standards.
 - b. County Traffic Impact Study Policies (revised 3/26/07)
 - c. County of San Luis Obispo July 2008 Pavement Report.
 - d. County of San Luis Obispo National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II, Stormwater Management Program (County Code Section 8.68)
 - e. County Code (Title 22) Sections 22.52-Grading & Drainage, and 22.14.060-Flood Hazard Area
 - f. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), August 2008.
 - g. Consideration of the required Entrance Plan (ingress / egress onto Indian Valley Road).
8. Public Works has no further comments on the Notice of Preparation.

Please provide us notification that the Draft EIR is available for review via the web and the related web address where the document may be viewed. If you have any questions or comments I can be contacted by phone at 805/781-1596, by email at gdmarsall@co.slo.ca.us, or at the above address.



Pankey IS comments
Elizabeth Kavanaugh to: Murry Wilson

12/30/2009 02:40 PM

Hi Murry,

Good job on the Pankey mine IS. Is there anything you would like me to do other than provide comments?

Are you still planning on having a scoping meeting in San Miguel on this EIR? Does it have to be done by January 29, 2010?

I have contacts at the school and post office that can make organizing and noticing the scoping meeting a lot easier. In addition, if you want me to participate, I would be glad to.

Remember the San Miguel Advisory Committee. Should we schedule you for the January 27th meeting?

As you head into the EIR please consider:

- Please review visual impact on Highway 101, streets and parks in San Miguel, along with the Mission and the Rio Caledonia
- Can we consider alternative traffic routes (that are not through San Miguel) in the EIR?
- Keep in mind that there is a lot of (illegal) activity within the Salinas River in this area: dirt bike riding, camping and shooting.
- Early in 2010, the county will likely start a new plan for the San Miguel area along with Camp Roberts to review where growth around San Miguel should go. This proposal will limit or prohibit growth potential in this area, that is adjacent to San Miguel, for the next 20 years.

Salinas River Area Plan Standards related to Pankey sand and gravel mine:

- Salinas River resource protection
- Prime agriculture area- prime soils retention
- Other land of agricultural value- soil retention
- The site is located within the Highway Corridor Standard area. The Highway Corridor standards apply only to residential uses. But it is an indicator that the project is located within an area of visual importance, can be seen from Highway 101, parts of San Miguel and should be looked at carefully.

I am sure you have already thought about most of these things. Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Happy new year.

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