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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF

DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: County Clerk, Property Owners within One Mile, Lassen County Times Online, Modoc County Record

FROM: Maurice Anderson, Director
Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services

SUBJECT: EIR #2021-001, Ward Lake Pit Amendment

The Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services (County) has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the proposed Ward Lake Quarry Expansion Project (UP No. 2021-003 and RP No. 2021-001).

Project Location: The Ward Lake Quarry is located approximately three miles east of Ward Lake off of Ward Lake Road in Lassen County, approximately four miles east of the California Correctional Center (CCC). The community of Litchfield is located three miles to the southeast. The City of Susanville is located approximately 14 miles to the west. The quarry is located in Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 14 East, Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM). The latitude and longitude at the center of the site are 40° 24' 52.12' and 120° 25' 2.07', respectively.

Project Description: Use Permit Amendment No. 2021-003 and Reclamation Plan Amendment No. 2021-001 address changes to the current operation within portions of APN 109-100-059 (historically, APN 109-100-040) and APN 109-100-060 (historically, APN 109-100-042). TNT Enterprises also owns APN 109-100-29, but no mining or other activities are proposed on this parcel. The proposed Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment includes expansion of approximately 78.6 acres with an associated additional volume of 5,000,000 tons of material, extension of the life of the mine from 2030 to 2050, and increase in the maximum volume extracted per year from 100,000 tons to 200,000 tons. These amendments will allow the facility to continue to provide local construction materials in Lassen County.

Related Zoning and Uses: The proposed project site is located in Lassen County and within the area covered by the Standish-Litchfield Area Plan. The Standish-Litchfield planning area extends from the north shore of Honey Lake to the toe slopes of Shaffer Mountain. The portion of the project site currently used for mining and processing operations is zoned U-C-2 (Upland Conservation/Resource Management District). The two expansion parcels (APN 109-100-59 and APN 109-100-60) are designated as "Extensive Agriculture" by the

Lassen County General Plan. APN 109-100-59 is zoned U-C-2 (Upland Conservation/Resource Management District), and APN 109-100-60 is zoned U-C-A-P (Upland Conservation/Agricultural Preserve Combining District). No general plan or zone amendments are being requested.

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The Draft SEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the potential of the project to have an impact on the environment.

Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): The County of Lassen, as Lead Agency for the proposed project, has discretionary authority over the primary project proposal. To implement this project the following discretionary permits/approvals from other agencies will be required:

- California Department of Conservation, Division of Mine Reclamation
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Lahontan Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

A copy of the Draft SEIR is available for review at the Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services, 707 Nevada Street, Suite 5, Susanville, California, 96130 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excepting holidays. The DSEIR is also available on the Planning and Building Services webpage:

http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/planning-and-building-services/environmental-documents-noticing-and-attachments

The public comment period begins on March 29, 2022 and will end on May 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Written comments can be mailed to the attention of Cortney Flather, Lassen County, 707 Nevada Street, Suite 5, Susanville, California, 96130 or via email at cflather@co.lassen.ca.us

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