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SUBJECT: Notice of Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of the Proposed Reclamation Plan Amendment for the Eliot Quarry Surface Mining Permit-23 (SMP-23) in Alameda County

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alameda County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a reclamation plan amendment (proposed project), Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and revised Conditions of Approval for the Eliot Quarry, regulated under Surface Mining Permit (SMP) SMP-23. The Eliot Quarry is located on approximately 920 acres situated between the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, south of Interstate 580 and Stanley Boulevard in the Livermore-Amador Valley, north of Vineyard Avenue, and both east and west of Isabel Avenue (State Route 84). The site is comprised of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 904-6-1-18, 904-6-2 (part), 904-8-1-3 (part), 904-8-1-2, 904-8-2-5, 946-1350-9-12, 946-1350-9-19, 946-1350-10-5, 946-4598-19, 950-6-3-9, 950-6-1-5, and 99-290-11-7.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: SMP-23 reclamation was previously evaluated under the Livermore-Amador Valley Quarry Area Reclamation Specific Plan (LAVQAR) EIR. Staff has prepared an EIR subsequent to the LAVQAR EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, which describes requirements for preparing an EIR. An SEIR is considered the appropriate CEQA document for the proposed reclamation plan amendment because: 1) the requested revisions involve new substantial changes to the approved reclamation plan, 2) the resulting circumstances would result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified potentially significant effect, and 3) new information and changed circumstances at the site of substantial importance not known at the time of the LAVQAR EIR have come to light.

The Final Subsequent EIR and all associated materials are available for public review at the address provided and available at on the Neighborhood Preservation and Sustainability Department's website at: <http://nps.acgov.org/Eliot.page>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is a modification of an approved reclamation plan project (i.e., SMP-23) for a vested mining operation. As compared to the approved reclamation plan, the proposed project would:

- 1) reduce surface disturbance associated with mining,
- 2) reduce the overall mine site and reclamation area,
- 3) reclaim Lake A with limited earthmoving and no additional depth in mining,
- 4) provide area for a multiuse public trail along the entire southern portion of the project site,

- 5) reclaim Lake B to accommodate new water management features and a final bottom elevation of 150 feet mean sea level (msl), which is 100 feet deeper than the approved final bottom elevation of 250 feet msl,
- 6) in a portion of the Lake B area, reroute the Arroyo del Valle to the south of its current location and retain the Arroyo de Valle south of Lakes A and B instead of diverting the Arroyo del Valle into Lakes A and B, and
- 7) revise the currently effective reclamation plan to add further specificity to the option that is included in the approved plan of creating an additional lake (Lake J).

The proposed reclamation plan amendment would still achieve the same end use, one that provides for water storage and water conveyance, agriculture, and open space under reclaimed conditions.

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING: The Planning Commission intends to take public testimony and consider certification of the Subsequent EIR, adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, adoption of new and revised conditions of approval, and finding the proposed project consistent with applicable regulations. The public hearing is scheduled for June 21, 2021.

All persons interested in the matter may appear and be heard at this meeting. Acceptance of the reclamation plan amendment, new and revised conditions of approval, and approval of the SEIR may be made on June 21, 2021. The hearing time and access information are provided below.

Date: June 21, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Access: Please use the following link to join the meeting on a computer:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95946946292>

Or call one of the numbers below to join by telephone:

US: 1 (669) 900-9128 or 1 (346) 248-7799

Webinar ID: 959 4694 6292

The meeting will be held in conformance with the County's Teleconferencing Guidelines for Planning Public Hearings (PDF), at the link provided or at the Planning Department webpage below:

<http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning>

To pose questions or submit requests for further information regarding SMP-23 in advance of the public hearing, please contact Bruce Jensen, Senior Planner for Alameda County, at bruce.jensen@acgov.org.