



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DIAMOND
ROCK SAND AND GRAVEL MINE AND PROCESSING FACILITY**

Case # 03CUP-00000-00037 & 03RPP-00000-00002
05EIR-00000-00001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Troesh Materials, Inc. proposes a new sand and gravel mine and processing facility on a 133-acre site located in the Cuyama River channel and on the adjoining river terrace, respectively. The applicant seeks Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan approval to allow the use to occur in an agricultural district. The proposed Reclamation Plan would ensure that the site is restored to agricultural use upon completion of mining activities. The project would extract sand and gravel aggregate from the Cuyama River over a 30-year period, and process the material on the adjoining river terrace. The mine would produce a grand total of approximately 13, 820,000 tons of material (+/- 9,210,000 yards) at an average annual production rate of 500,000 tons per year and a peak production rate of 750,000 tons per year. The material would be trucked to job sites based on demand. The project would also be a receiver site for recyclable concrete.

PROJECT LOCATION: The site is located on the west side of State Highway 33, 5.9 miles south of its junction with State Highway 166 (APNs 149-220-002, 011 & 065, in the Ventucopa area, 5th Supervisorial District).

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission is holding a public hearing to consider certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approval of the proposed project. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on **Wednesday May 30, 2007 at 9:00 AM in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA 93455** and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the hearing.

PROJECT DETAILS: The proposed mine would extract sand and gravel aggregate from the Cuyama River Channel over a 30-year period and process the material on the adjoining river terrace. The mine would produce a grand total of approximately 13, 820,000 tons of material (+/- 9,210,000 yards) at an average annual production rate of 500,000 tons per year and a peak production rate of 750,000 tons per year. The material would be trucked to job sites based on demand and the mine would be a received site for recyclable concrete. After mining, the natural riverbed would be restored and the terrace would be returned to agricultural use.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Final EIR pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D began preparation of an EIR for the proposed project because of its complexity (i.e., impacts individually limited but cumulatively considerable) and potential to have significant adverse effects on the environment. The EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas.

The EIR identifies a significant and unavoidable (Class 1) impact related to Air Quality due to the emissions from on-site mobile equipment and several potentially significant but mitigable (Class 2) impacts, in the following areas:

Aesthetics/Visual Resources, Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Drainage, Erosion and Water Quality. If the project description changes, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. This reevaluation will be subject to all regular fees and conditions. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: If a copy of the Final EIR is not attached hereto it may be obtained and all documents referenced in the EIR may be reviewed at the Planning & Development offices located at 624 Foster Road, Suite C, Santa Maria, and at 123 E. Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara. Copies are also available for review at the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara Public Libraries and online at <http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/projects/03CUP-00037/index.cfm>. Earlier drafts of the EIR and P&D's formal comments to the preparer are also available for review at our offices.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, **Gary Kaiser** at 624 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455, (805) 934-6259, Fax (805) 934-6258 or by e-mail at gkaiser@co.santa-barbara.ca.us prior to the hearing, or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. Testimony may be given in person or remotely from the Planning Commission hearing Room at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93401.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.