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SB-33 PM 5.05
SCH# 2003121049

Mr. Gary Kaiser
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**COMMENTS TO: Diamond Rock Sand & Gravel Mining and Processing Facility. Revised
Draft EIR**

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 5, Development Review, has reviewed the above-referenced document and offers the following comments:

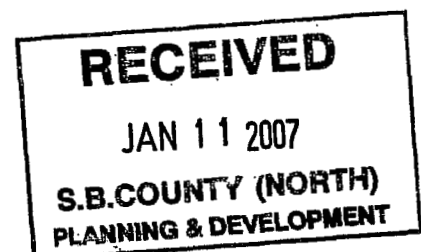
1. (Regarding Mitigation Measure TR-2) Caltrans concurs with the decision of the county requiring construction a northbound left-turn lane at the project entrance as part of the mitigation for the project. Please include the mitigation as part of the Final EIR.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification on items discussed above, please don't hesitate to call Joseph Londono at (805) 549-3615.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Londono
District 5 Development Review Coordinator



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Diamond Rock Sand &
Gravel Mining and
Processing Facility. Draft
EIR - NOC

SCH # 2003121049

Mr. Larry Appel for;
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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) Development Review Staff has reviewed the above referenced document. As a result, the following comments were generated.

1. Please confirm the *Route 33* Post Mile marker location for this project as it connects from the local road onto State Route (SR) 33. This helps us to identify the exact location of where this project will affect the State transportation system. We have initially identified that the Post Mile location for this project is PM 5.05.
2. Due to the size of the trucks turning into and out of the project entrance on SR 33, The Department requests of the Lead Agency to require as a condition of project approval for the Diamond Rock Development, to install a northbound left-turn channelization facility. This will help avoid future conflicts between slow-moving, left-turn project traffic from the faster moving through-lane traffic. It is the engineering judgement of the Department that this left-turn channelization improvement is necessary for the operational integrity of this stretch of SR 33. The project should also include appropriate south-bound right-turn geometrics for a public road access.

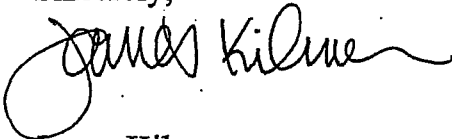
If the applicants will not be conditioned to install the left-turn channelization & right-turn improvements during the project's pre-approval phase, the Department will require it as a condition for the encroachment permit for this projects access improvements onto SR 33.

Please contact Mr. Steve Senet, Senior Permit Engineer at 549-3206 for more information on the Encroachment Permit procedure. Please note that all work done in the State's Right of Way (ROW) will be done at the applicant's expense and will meet all Department engineering and environmental standards.

Also, please set as a condition of occupancy the requirement that the project proponents substantiate that any conditions specified in the Encroachment Permit were completed to Department standards (through a letter of acknowledgement from the Department Permits Office) to be submitted to the Lead Agency prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Thank you for including the Department in the review of the DEIR for the Diamond Rock Mining & Excavation Project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 549-3683.

Sincerely,



James Kilmer
District 5
Development Review

c: File, D. Murray, R. Barnes, S. Senet



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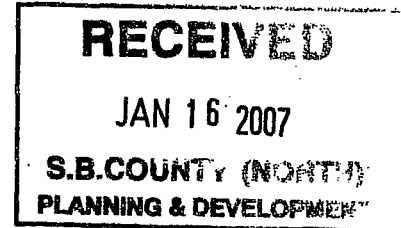
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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

REVIEW OF REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
PROPOSED DIAMOND ROCK SAND AND GRAVEL MINE AND PROCESSING FACILITY
(SCH# 2003121049)

The Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) has reviewed the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility, dated November 2006. OMR has previously provided comments on the DEIR in letters dated March 17, 2005 and December 29, 2005. At this time OMR staff have no further comments pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

We look forward to providing further review and comments upon receipt of a complete reclamation plan for the proposed Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility. When submitting reclamation plans and financial assurance cost estimates to OMR for review, lead agencies are required to certify that the reclamation plan is complete pursuant to section 2774(c) of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act. Therefore, upon submittal, please include a cover letter with a statement such as: "The Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility Reclamation Plan is enclosed for OMR's 30-day review. The County of Santa Barbara certifies that this submission is in compliance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 9 of Division 2 of the Public Resources Code, Article 9 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 8 of Division 2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and current County surface mining regulations."

If you have any questions on these comments or require any assistance with other mine reclamation issues, please contact me at (916) 323-8565.

Sincerely,

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James S. Pompy, Manager
Reclamation Unit