

**Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/
Notice of Public Hearings on the
Sunol Valley Aggregate Quarry Revised Surface Mining Permit Project
Sunol Valley, Alameda County**

Notice is hereby given that the County of Alameda is making available for public review and comment a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared for the proposed Sunol Valley Aggregate Quarry Revised Surface Mining Permit-30 (SMP-30) within a portion of unincorporated Alameda County, California. As the local land use authority, Alameda County authorizes mining activities on unincorporated lands through the issuance of Surface Mining Permits pursuant to Alameda County Code of Ordinances, Title 6: Health and Safety, Section 6.80: Surface Mining and Reclamation. The Sunol Valley Aggregate Quarry currently operates under such a County Surface Mining Permit (SMP-30), approved by Alameda County in 1992. The current SMP-30 permit authorizes mining of sand and gravel at this quarry through June 1, 2021 or upon completion of reclamation, whichever occurs first. The Project applicant, Oliver de Silva, Inc., proposes to amend the current SMP-30 permit to expand the overall production potential of the quarry by increasing the area under permit by approximately 58 acres and deepening the depth of excavation, extend the expiration date of the mining permit to 30 years after approval of the revised permit, and add additional ancillary uses at the site including an asphalt batch plant and a concrete plant.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which is a written document that discusses the potential environmental effects of the project and feasible mitigation measures to reduce those effects to less-than-significant levels, is proposed for certification by the County pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State and County CEQA Guidelines. Possible environmental impacts of this project include impacts upon or related to land use plans and policies, aesthetics, air quality, climate change, biological resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation.

Responsible and trustee agencies and those who have already expressed an interest in this matter will automatically receive a copy of the Draft EIR; for other interested persons, copies of the Draft EIR may be requested free of charge from the Alameda County Planning Department at the address and telephone number given below.

The 45-day review period for the Draft EIR is from April 2, 2012 to May 17, 2012. During this period, comments may be submitted to the Alameda County Planning Department at the address given below, in either writing or by e-mail, or comments may be made during the public hearing, the date and location of which is described below.

A public hearing where all interested members of the public may attend and be heard will be held on **May 16, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunol Glen Elementary School** at 11601 Main Street in Sunol, California. This hearing will be for acceptance of public comments on the Draft EIR. No decision regarding the project or certification of the EIR will be made at this meeting.

Copies of the Draft EIR in electronic or bound form may be obtained by mail or in person from:

Mr. Bruce Jensen, Senior Planner
Alameda County Community Development Agency
224 W. Winton Avenue, Suite 110
Hayward, CA, 94544

or requested via e-mail with subject line "Revised SMP-30 EIR", to:

bruce.jensen@acgov.org

The Draft EIR will also be made available through the County's Internet site at:

<http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/landuseprojects/currentprojects.htm>

A copy of the document may also be viewed at:

Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd
Fremont, CA 94538, and at:

City of Pleasanton Library
400 Old Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Comments on the Draft EIR should be submitted to Mr. Bruce Jensen at the County Community Development Agency address or e-mail address provided above. Comments on the Draft EIR must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2012**. If you challenge the proposed certification of the EIR and approval of the Project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a public hearing, or in written or e-mail correspondence delivered to County Staff at or prior to a public hearing.

Responses to all comments made on the Draft EIR will be prepared and presented in a Final EIR for this project. The Final EIR will be made available for review from May 25 through June 4, 2012. The Alameda County Planning Commission will consider certification of the EIR and consider a decision on the proposed project at a public hearing to be held on **Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Alameda County Public Hearing Room located at 224 West Winton Avenue in Hayward, CA. All persons interested in the matter may appear and be heard at this hearing. The County encourages broad participation in the EIR process.