

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
May 10, 2006

**SUBJECT:** GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 782 / SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 211 – EA39107 – Applicant: James E. Simon Company – Engineer / Representative: Webber & Webber Mining Consultants - Fourth Supervisorial District – Lower Berdoo Canyon Zoning District – Western Coachella Valley Area Plan: Open Space: Conservation (OS-C) – Location: On the westerly side of Dillon Road between the Indio Hills and Little San Bernardino Mountains, approximately 12 miles north-northeasterly of the City of Indio – 312.3 Gross Acres - Zoning: W-1 (Watercourse, Watershed & Conservation) - **REQUEST:** The general plan amendment proposes to change the current designation from Open Space: Conservation (OS-C) to Open Space: Mineral Resources (OS-MR). The surface mine permit consists of two sand and gravel mineral extraction areas totaling approximately 242 acres, a 9.6-acre operations area, and a buffer zone totaling 60.7 acres. It is proposed to mine up to 900,000 tons per year over a 25-year operating life, resulting in a maximum material export rate of 110 truck trips per day. Also proposed in the operations area is a concrete and asphalt batch plant.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

The Planning Department recommended approval; and,  
**THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (COMMISSIONER PETTY WAS ABSENT) RECOMMENDED:**

**ADOPTION** of a **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** for **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 39107**, based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and,

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
*[Signature]*  
DATE 5/18/06  
Departmental Concurrence

Robert C. Johnson  
Planning Director

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Consent  
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Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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District: Fourth

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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**TENTATIVE APPROVAL** of **COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 782**, amending the Land Use Designation from Open Space: Conservation to Open Space: Mineral Resources, in accordance with Exhibit #5, and based on the findings and conclusion incorporated in the staff report; and,

**APPROVAL** of **SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 211**, subject to the attached conditions of approval, and based upon the findings and conclusions incorporated in the staff report.