

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

503B



FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
August 15, 2006

**SUBJECT:** SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 129, REVISED PERMIT NO. 1 – EA37104 – Applicant: Valley Rock and Sand Inc. – Engineer / Representative: Webber and Webber – Fourth Supervisorial District – Chuckwalla Zoning District – Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan: Open Space: Water (OS-W), Mineral Resources (OS-MR) – Location: Southeasterly of the City of Indio and easterly of the town of Thermal – 310.81 Gross Acres - Zoning: Watercourse, watershed and Conservation Area (W-1), Natural Assets (NA), Mineral Resources and Related Manufacturing (M-R-A) - **REQUEST:** Revise existing Surface Mining Permit No. 129 for a reclamation plan for an existing sand and gravel mine. There are two parcels currently being mined; one is privately owned (42.68 acres) and the other is land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (268.13 acres). Current mining operations have disturbed approximately 30.70 acres of the privately owned parcel and 53.80 acres of the BLM land. Mining activities are expected to continue until 2019. Riverside County originally approved SMP129 in 1980, which provided the extraction of sand and gravel for 15 years at a rate of 390,000 tons annually. In August 1990 a BLM sales contract was signed that allowed Valley Rock and Sand to remove 50,000 cubic yards from 80 acres of the BLM parcel directly north of the private holdings.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**RECEIVE AND FILE** the Notice of Decision for the above mentioned case acted upon by the Planning Commission on January 25, 2006.

The Planning Department recommended approval; and,  
**THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (Commissioner Snell was absent.):**

**ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 37104**, based on the findings and incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and,

Robert C. Johnson  
Planning Director

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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Departmental Concurrence

DATE 9/21/06 rjg

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Consent

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

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District: Fourth

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 129, REVISED PERMIT NO. 1

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**APPROVED SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 129 REVISED PERMIT NO. 1**, subject to the attached conditions of approval, and based upon the findings and conclusions incorporated in the staff report.