

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

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 6, 2007

SUBJECT: SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 161, REVISED PERMIT NO. 4 – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – Applicant: West Coast Aggregate Supply – Engineer / Representative: George Webber - Fourth Supervisorial District – Lower Berdoo Canyon Zoning District – Western Coachella Valley Area Plan: Open Space: Mineral Resources (OS-MR) and Open Space: Rural (OS-RUR) – Location: Easterly of the intersection of Dillion Road and Berdoo Canyon Road, approximately twelve miles northeasterly of Indio, and approximately four miles southwesterly of the Joshua Tree National Park boundary – 640 Gross Acres - Zoning: Watercourse, Watershed and Conservation Areas (W-1) - **REQUEST:** The Surface Mining Permit Revised Permit No. 4 is an application to revise the existing permit to add a 10.5-acre material retail sales yard area on two small land parcels contiguous to the southwest corner of the existing Surface Mining Permit No. 161 Revised Permit No. 3 project area. This plan also proposes to increase maximum annual aggregate production from the currently authorized 900,000 tons per year to 1.8 million tons per year. Finally, on-site operating hours, for the Block Plant, will continue to involve the 24 hour operation of the concrete block plant seven days a week. Other than maintenance or emergencies, the remaining project site operations for excavation are limited to the hours between 6 A.M. and 10 P.M., Monday through Saturday. Truck and hauling operations shall be limited to the hours between 6 A.M. and 9 P.M., Monday through Saturday. All operations for excavation, trucking or hauling of materials shall be prohibited on Sundays and Federal holidays. Mining is proposed to continue as currently approved under Surface Mining Permit No. 161 Revised Permit No. 3. Reclamation activities will commence annually in areas that will not be impacted by further mining activities, as identified in the reclamation plan included with the permit request. Upon completion of mining operations, all equipment and buildings will be removed and the site will be revegetated with native plant species and reclaimed as vacant open space.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:


Ron Goldman
Planning Director

Damian Meins for
Assistant Planning Director

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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE

10/16/07

Tina Grande
Departmental Concurrence

Policy

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Consent

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Dep't Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref. **ATTACHMENTS FILED** District: Fourth Agenda Number:

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 161, REVISED PERMIT NO. 4

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RECEIVE AND FILE The Notice of Decision for the above referenced case acted on by the Planning Commission on August 29, 2007.

The Planning Department recommended Approval; and,

THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

ADOPTED a **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** for **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 40658**, 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,

APPROVED **SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 161, REVISED PERMIT NO. 4**, subject to the attached conditions of approval, and based upon the findings and conclusions incorporated in the staff report.