

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



**FROM:** John J. Benoit, County Supervisor

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
October 29, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fast Track Processing Status for the Revised Liberty Quarry Project

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors Award Fast Track Processing Status to the Revised Liberty Quarry Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Supervisors certified EIR No. 475 but denied the original Liberty Quarry Project on May 15, 2012.

In July, Granite Construction submitted a revised Project and requested fast track processing status at that time. See attached letter.

This revised Project will further reduce truck trips, associated pollution and degradation of roads throughout much of Riverside County. Additionally, it will create more than 75 new, permanent, full time jobs; invest more than \$10 million in land, building and equipment; and generate more than \$25 million in taxable sales annually.

It is for these reasons that I am requesting that the Board award fast track processing status to the revised Liberty Quarry Project.

  
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John J. Benoit, County Supervisor  
Representing the 4<sup>th</sup> District

Departmental Concurrence

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July 25, 2012

Carolyn Syms Luna  
Director, Planning Department  
Riverside County TLMA  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Planning Director:

I am writing to advise you that Granite Construction Company today submitted a revised application to the County of Riverside for a Surface Mining Permit (SMP), Reclamation Plan (RP), Change of Zone (CZ) and a Noise Exemption for the Revised Liberty Quarry Project located on the Riverside and San Diego County border.

The Revised Liberty Quarry Project we have submitted is for a smaller project, identical to the project studied in the EIR No. 475 except for proposed changes that add a new significant source of ongoing general fund revenue and reduce environmental impacts of the proposed project to Riverside County.

The proposed project changes include the following:

- \$92 million in new, added revenue for Riverside County (an estimated \$61.3 million to be paid by San Diego County users) generated by a proposed \$0.20 per ton fee which will add an average of \$1.8 million in new, unrestricted revenue each year (\$1.1 million paid by San Diego County users)
- A reduction in project size, production and depth resulting in associated reductions in truck trips, project life and annual tonnage
  - 30% reduction in life of the project (25 fewer total years)
  - 20% reduction in maximum truck trips per day (160 fewer truck trips/day)
  - 25% reduction in maximum aggregate production over the life of the project (reduced from 235 million to 174 million tons over the life of the project)
  - 20% reduction in annual production (1 million fewer tons each year)
  - Over 30% reduction in mining depth (300 feet)
- Restricting mining to daylight hours only

Granite is requesting that the County fast track the project consistent with Board policy A32 recognizing "...the value of commercial and industrial development in the county through the provision of employment opportunity, support for various government services and of the contribution of such investments to the general economic well being of the county." The revised

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Liberty Quarry project meets all three eligibility requirements per the policy for commercial and/or industrial projects:

- a. Creates more than 75 new, permanent, full-time jobs;*
- b. Invests more than \$10 million in land, building and equipment; or*
- c. Generates more than \$25 million in taxable sales annually.*

In recognition of the significant permanent and construction related job creation and economic benefits to County taxpayers associated with this project we respectfully request that the Board fast track the revised Liberty Quarry project.

Consistent with past practice, Granite will continue to indemnify the County for legal challenges related to these matters.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our request for fast track consideration and for prompt processing of the project application. We look forward to creating much needed new jobs and economic benefits for Riverside County residents. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Gary W. Johnson  
Aggregate Resource Development Manager  
Granite Construction Inc.

CC:

John Tavaglione, Chairman  
Supervisor Marion Ashley  
Supervisor John Benoit  
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Supervisor Jeff Stone  
Pam Walls, Riverside County Counsel