



# **COUNTY OF SONOMA**

## **PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

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### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Project Description:** The Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) has received an application for a proposed new hard rock quarry on approximately 70 acres at 7601 and 7175 Roblar Road, File PLP03-0094 (*see attached Map*). The proposed project consists of:

- 1) a Zone Change to add the MR (Mineral Resource) combining district to the entire 198.76 acre site designated LEA (Land Extensive Agriculture) B6 - 160 acre density Z (Second Unit Exclusion), VOH (Valley Oak Habitat);
- 2) a Use Permit to develop a 70-acre quarry (Roblar Road Quarry); and
- 3) a Reclamation Plan to reclaim the site upon completion of mining to open space use including a conservation easement and an irrevocable offer of dedication for public use.

Please note that this notice has been sent to all property owners within 1 mile of the quarry site and within 1/2 mile of proposed truck haul route (A) and an alternative haul route (B) as shown on the attached map.

**Environmental Impact Report:** A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts and ways to reduce or mitigate those impacts as well as, alternatives to the project, including alternative haul routes. Potentially significant impacts identified in the DEIR include effects on Land Use, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Biology, Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Noise, Aesthetics, Public Services, and Cultural Resources. Mitigation Measures have been identified to reduce impacts to less than significant, except for certain significant and unavoidable impacts identified under Land Use and Agricultural Resources, Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Noise, and Aesthetics. There is a 45-day public review period of the adequacy of the Draft EIR beginning May 20, 2008 through July 5, 2008.

**Where to Review the Draft EIR:** A copy of the Draft EIR is available for review at the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) public counter, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2829 and online at the PRMD website, <http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/docs/eir/index.htm>. The Draft EIR can also be purchased from PRMD on compact disc (CD) for \$5.00.

In addition, a hard copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review at:  
Rohnert Park - Cotati Regional Library at 6250 Lynne Conde Way, Rohnert Park  
Santa Rosa Central Library, at Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa  
Petaluma Regional Library, at 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma

**How to Comment on the DEIR:** Written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR in identifying potential impacts and feasible mitigation measures may be made during the comment period and must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. July 5, 2008. Written comments should be addressed to Scott Briggs, Environmental Review Division Manager, Sonoma County PRMD, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2829. Written and verbal comments may also be presented at the public hearing on the DEIR.

**Public Hearings:** The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the adequacy of the Draft EIR **Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 1:05 p.m..** The hearing will be held in the PRMD hearing room, located at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA.

After the close of the public review and comment period, responses to comments will be prepared in a Final EIR. The Final EIR will be presented to the Planning Commission and a hearing on the merits of the project proposal will be scheduled and noticed to all interested parties. After consideration of the Final EIR and the testimony received, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will also hold a hearing on the Final EIR and the merits of the project at a time and date to be announced before considering whether to certify the Final EIR and approve the proposed project.

If you challenge the decisions on the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at one of the project's hearings; or, prior to the hearing, in written form, delivered to Scott Briggs, Environmental Review Division Manager.

**For Further Information:** If you have questions regarding the Draft EIR, or the public hearings, please contact either Blake Hillegas at [bhillega@sonoma-county.org](mailto:bhillega@sonoma-county.org) (707) 565-1392 or Scott Briggs at [sbriggs@sonoma-county.org](mailto:sbriggs@sonoma-county.org) (707) 565-8351.

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