

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building	(2) MEETING DATE 6/4/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Xzandrea Fowler, Planner/ (805) 781-1172	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a contract (Clerk's File) with Aspen Environmental Group, in an amount not to exceed \$362,519, to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Hanson Aggregates/ Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment. District 5			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve, and that the Chairman sign, the contract (Clerk's File) with Aspen Environmental Group.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Applicant	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$362,519	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001219		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 5 -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building / Xzandrea Fowler, Planner

VIA: Ellen Carroll, Planning Manager/ Environmental Coordinator

DATE: 6/4/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve, and that the Chairman sign, the contract (Clerk's File) with Aspen Environmental Group.

DISCUSSION

The applicant (Hanson Aggregates Mid-Pacific) is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (DRC2011-00098) and a Reclamation Plan Amendment (DRC2011-00099) to allow for the expansion of the existing Santa Margarita Quarry which will extend the productive life of the quarry. The project will add approximately 33 acres of adjacent land to the current permitted boundary for a total area of approximately 193 acres. Development of the adjacent aggregate resources would add approximately 21,500,000 tons of reserves and extend the life of the quarry by an estimated additional 38 years. No change in production capability or intensity is proposed beyond currently permitted levels.

The project is within the Rural Lands land use category, and is located at 16815 El Camino Real, north of the community of Santa Margarita. The site is in the Las Pilitas planning area, within the Extractive Resource Area (EX1) Combining Designation Overlay.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scope of work focuses on the following areas: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Geology/Soils and Minerals, Hazards/ Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Noise and Vibration, Public Services and Utilities, Recreation, Transportation and Circulation, Hydrology/ Water Quality and Groundwater, and other sections as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

A Request for Proposal was distributed. Aspen Environmental Group (Aspen) was chosen because of their understanding of the project, expertise and experience in preparing quarry/ mining EIRs. All procedures followed are consistent with the County's contracting procedures.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Other agencies and County departments involved in this project include: CalFire/ County Fire Department, Air Pollution Control District, County Environmental Health Division, County Public Works Department, Ag Commissioner's Office, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Caltrans, California Department of Conservation, Office of Mine Reclamation, and County Counsel. County Counsel has reviewed and signed the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The applicant will fund the preparation of the EIR. The cost of this document is estimated to not exceed \$245,618 for the proposed scope of work. The contract also includes optional tasks as follows: attendance at project meetings totaling \$35,467, attendance at scoping meeting totaling \$3,522, attendance at hearings totaling \$24,849, preparation of CEQA findings totaling \$3,940, and a contingency of \$49,123. The overall total for the EIR and optional tasks is \$362,519. Staff costs will be recovered through the EIR processing fee.

RESULTS

The EIR will provide information regarding the environmental effects of the project, mitigation to lessen those effects and an analysis of project alternatives. This is consistent with the countywide goals of providing a well-governed and livable community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Contract to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Hanson Aggregates/ Santa Margarita Quarry Expansion Conditional Use Permit–DRC2011-00098 and Reclamation Plan Amendment – DRC2011-00099 (Clerk’s File)