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Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 699 Revision No. 1

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final CEQA document.

In the project description, the lead agency proposes the approval of a new conditional use permit to continue the same operations that are being conducted presently. The project applicant is currently operating a recycling facility for waste concrete, asphalt and rock for the production of road base on two contiguous, irregularly shaped parcels that include a 10.06 acre parcel and a 3.39 acre parcel.

Based on the project description, the lead agency is reminded that the AQMD requires permits to construct and operate for all of the aggregate processing equipment: typically for a receiving hopper, crusher, multi-deck screen, magnetic separator, and various conveyors and stackers. Dust control is also required, which may require a separate permit. This equipment may be powered by using the local electric utility or by on-site engine/generators that can meet the current requirements of AQMD Rule 1110.2(F)(i) - Emissions from Gaseous - and Liquid-Fueled Engines.

In addition, should the facility include the use of any diesel powered front-end loader(s) serving the process, those front end loaders should also be equipped with EPA Certified Tier III or better engines. For further information regarding AQMD permit or engine technology requirements for this facility, please contact AQMD staff at (909) 396-2591.


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Please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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