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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Consideration of Termination of Designation of
Mineral Resources Lands
of Statewide or Regional Significance
Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption Region
Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) proposes to hold a public hearing in order to consider termination of designated areas of statewide or regional significance and specify the boundaries thereof, for mineral resources lands located in the Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption Region, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, because of high-value incompatible land use developments, in accordance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), pursuant to Public Resources Code Division 2, Chapter 9, Article 6, Section 2790.

BACKGROUND

The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB), based on recommendations from the State Geologist and public input, designates, or terminates the designation thereof, mineral deposits of regional or statewide significance within California. At its December 13, 2007, regular business meeting, the SMGB accepted California Geological Survey (CGS) Special Report 202, which updates information previously presented in a classification report on Portland cement concrete-grade (PCC) aggregate in the Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption (P-C) Region published in 1984. The previous report was published by the California Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG; now CGS) as Special Report 143 (SR 143) – *Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area, Part VI, Classification of Sand and Gravel Resource Areas, Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption Region*.

SR 143, Part VI assisted the SMGB in a subsequent process called *designation*. Designation is the formal recognition by the Board of lands containing mineral resources of regional or statewide significance that are needed to meet the demands of the future.

The SMGB's designation of lands in the Claremont-Upland P-C Region was published in 1987 as SMARA Designation Report No. 5.

On April 10, 2008, the SMGB accepted recommendations set forth by the State Geologist for termination of designation of mineral resource lands in the Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption Region, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties based on the updated information in Special Report 202.

The SMGB seeks recommendations of concerned federal, state, and local agencies, educational institutions, civic and public interest organizations, and private interest organizations, and private organizations and individuals, in the proposed actions.

CANDIDATE AREAS FOR DESIGNATION

The Candidate areas under consideration for termination of designation are shown on Plate 1 (attached to this public notice). Eighteen areas in eleven Sectors are identified by the State Geologist as potential candidates for termination of designation status because of high-value incompatible land use developments. New housing has been placed on fifteen of the eighteen areas; two areas are the site of a new freeway, and another area is crossed by a flood control channel.

Candidates for Termination of Designation in Sector B-1 (totaling 1,560 acres) are in five separate locations: 1) housing development along the northwestern edge of the Sector, adjacent to Padua Avenue and north of Alamosa Drive; 2) housing development along the northeastern edge of the Sector between 20th Street and 21st Street; 3) the 210 Freeway crossing of the Sector in the central part, both north and south of Base Line Road; 4) industrial development along the southeastern edge of the Sector between 16th Street and 17th Street; and 5) housing development in the southwestern corner of the Sector. It is likely that this development will preclude mining of the 38 million tons of resources contained in these parts of Sector B-1.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - Sector B-2 (19 acres) is west of Mills Avenue at the intersection of Baldy Road. A flood control channel now crosses this area, making the remaining areas too small to be mined. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 3.5 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in Sector B-2.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - Sector B-3 (38 acres) straddles Mills Avenue, immediately south of the intersection with Baldy Road. Residential development now covers this Sector. It is likely that this will preclude future mining of the approximately 8.3 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in Sector B-3.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - Sector B-4 (24 acres) is west of Padua Avenue and east of Baldy Road, immediately southwest of their intersection. Residential development now covers this Sector. It is likely that this will preclude future mining of the approximately 8.4 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in Sector B-4.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - part of Sector B-5 (29 acres) in the southwestern part of the Sector, east of Mills Avenue and south of Baldy Road. Residential development now covers this area. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 2.6 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in this part of Sector B-5.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - Sector B-6 (30 acres) is a square area between Mills and Bonnie Brae Avenues, and between Miramar Avenue and Alamosa Drive. Residential development now covers this Sector. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 7 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in Sector B-6.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - Sector B-9 (22 acres) is an area south of Baseline Road and west of Monte Vista Avenue. The 210 Freeway now covers this Sector. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 7 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in Sector B-9.

Candidate for Termination of Designation – part of Sector B-10 (9 acres) is in the eastern end of the Sector. Urban development now covers this part of the Sector. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 2.2 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in this part of Sector B-10.

Candidate for Termination of Designation – part of Sector C-2 (12 acres) is along the western edge of the Sector. Urban development

now covers this part of the Sector. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 2 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in this part of Sector C-2.

Candidate for Termination of Designation - Sector C-5 (55 acres) is an area north of 21st Street between Euclid and Campus Avenues. Housing now covers this Sector. It is likely that this will preclude mining of the approximately 9.8 million tons of PCC-grade aggregate resources contained in Sector C-5.

Candidates for Termination of Designation in Sector D-3 (totaling 322 acres) are in four separate locations: 1) along the southwestern edge of the Sector, west of the Deer Creek Channel; 2) in the southwestern part of the Sector, east of the Deer Creek Channel and south of Banyan Street; 3) in the southern part of the Sector, north of Banyan Street and east of Milliken Avenue; and 4) an isolated part of the Sector, north of Hillside Road, between Haven and Hermosa Avenues. It is likely that housing development in these areas will preclude mining of the 21.6 million tons of resources contained in these parts of Sector D-3.

PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT

The SMGB has scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action and to receive comments for March 11, 2009. The public hearing will take place in the Plaza Salons 1 & 2 at the Hyatt Regency Suites-Palm Springs, 285 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262, at 1:30 P.M. A map to the Hyatt Regency Suites-Palm Springs can be viewed at: www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb.

The hearing facility will be barrier free in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the proposed action. The SMGB requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony. Comments can also be provided in writing up to ten days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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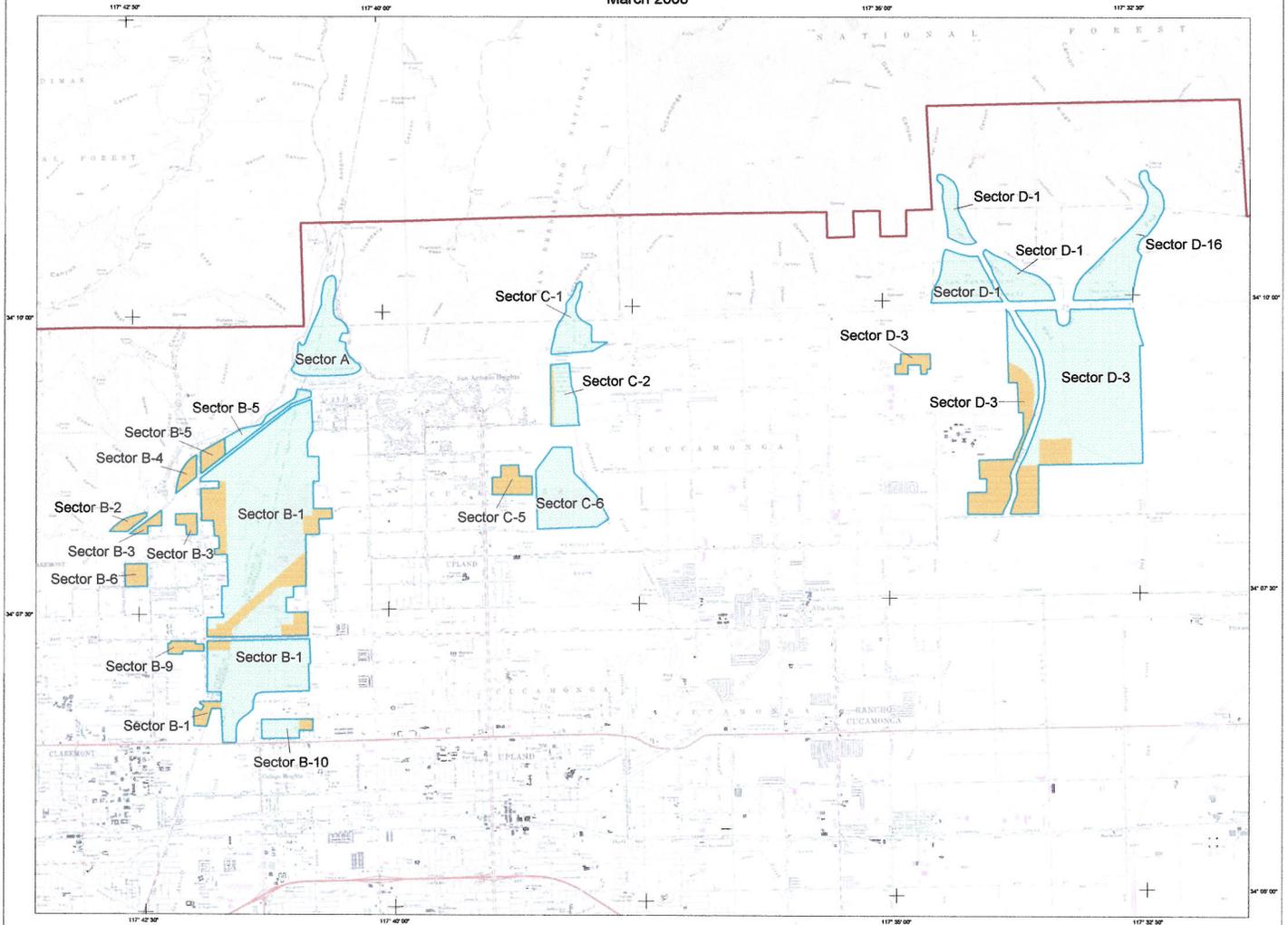
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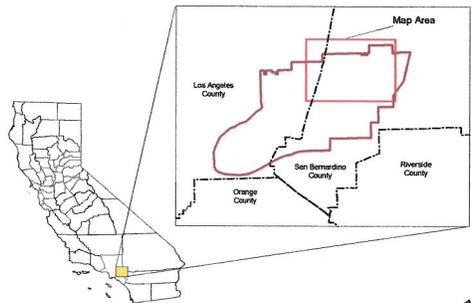
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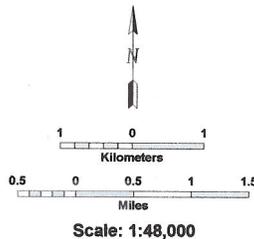


LEGEND

- Boundary of Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption Region
- Sectors Designated by the State Mining and Geology Board (1987)
- Urbanized Areas Within Sectors (Candidates for Termination of Designation Status)



Base Map Source:
7.5 Minutes Topographic Quadrangle: U.S. Geological Survey.
California Geological Survey Web Site:
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Production-Consumption Area Location

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