



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: September 8, 2011

Agenda Item No. 13: Information Report on the County of Santa Clara Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) Program. [With Information Reports from the County of Santa Clara, Hansen Permanente Cement, Inc. (Operator), Scott Renfrew (Agent), County of Santa Clara, and Department of Conservation, Office of Mine Reclamation.

INTRODUCTION: At its January 13, 2011, meeting, the State Mining and Geology Board's (SMGB) Policy and Legislation Committee (Committee) received comments from the public pertaining to compliance issues related to the Lehigh Southwest Cement Company surface mining operation (CA Mine ID #91-43-0004), located in the County of Santa Clara (County). After hearing comments from the public, County and operator, the Committee requested that a progress report be provided on the County's overall Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) program, the operator's efforts to comply with SMARA and the SMGB's regulations, and the Department of Conservation Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) in regards to its oversight of the surface mining operation and any outstanding compliance issues.

At its February 10, and June 9, 2011, regular business meetings, information reports from the County, Operator and OMR, were heard by the SMGB. Several non-compliance issues were raised. The SMGB requested that OMR and the County provide a progress report in 60 days, or earliest opportunity thereafter. Correspondence and other pertinent information provided by OMR, the County of Santa Clara, and the public are contained in Exhibits A, B and C, respectively.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: The information being presented by OMR and the County is for the SMGB's information. No recommendations are offered at this time.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

Respectfully submitted:

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Executive Officer



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Exhibit A

OMR Correspondence

Exhibit B

County Correspondence

Exhibit C

Public Correspondence

