## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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## INTENT TO CERTIFY AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

**A PUBLIC HEARING** has been scheduled, pursuant to Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348, before the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** to consider a proposed project in the vicinity of your property, as described below:

SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 159, REVISION NO. 2 – Intent to Certify an Environmental Impact Report – EA43079 – Applicant: Chandler Aggregates, Inc. – Engineer Representative: Joseph E Bonadiman & Associates – Fifth Supervisorial District - Hemet/San Jacinto Zoning District - Reche Canvon/ Badlands San Jacinto Valley Area Plan: Open Space: Mineral Resources (OS-MIN) – Open Space: Rural (OS-RUR) – Location: Northerly of Gillman Springs Road, southerly of Highway 60, easterly of Bridge Street, and westerly Highway 79 - 204 Gross Acres -Zoning: Mineral Resources and Related Manufacturing (MRA) – Controlled Development Areas with Mobile homes (W-2) - REQUEST: Surface Mining Permit No. 159, Revision No. 2 is a proposed revision to the existing mining and reclamation plan to accommodate an expansion of mining activities from approximately 150.4 acres to approximately 204.9 acres, or an increase of disturbance on-site ("Expanded Disturbance Area", or "EDA") of 54.5 acres. The Gilman Springs Mine (herein, "Mine") encompasses approximately 1,021.4 acres. Additionally, SMP159R2 would increase mining reserves from approximately 14,000,000 tons to 44,000,000, or an increase of approximately 30,000,000 tons. SMP159R2 also would enhance the site's utility by allowing for the recycling of broken concrete. asphalt, and other inert materials, which would be used as an Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation (IDEFO) as part of site reclamation. SMP159R2 would also increase the availability of high-quality aggregate reserves within the local area in order to help meet the regional demand for aggregate material and make the best use of the Mine's aggregate resources by revising approved SMP 159R1 to accommodate an expansion of the approved limits of aggregate mining activities, facilitate more efficient export processing of aggregate materials from the Mine site by altering the days and hours of operation within 300 feet of the Mine site's boundary, establish an annual tonnage limit on import and export of materials to and from the Mine site that is reflective of the Mine site's mining capacity, reclaim the 204.9 acres subject to mining activities to a suitable condition by revising SMP159 to identify ultimate site elevations in conformance with Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) and the regulations and requirements of Riverside County, assist Riverside County in achieving the conservation objectives of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), and establish updated standards for operational mining activities at the Gilman Springs Mine site that provide flexibility in mining operations in order to facilitate the efficient production of aggregate material that would help meet local market demands. No changes are proposed to the annual tonnage limit of 1.000.000 tons per year, and tonnages of both the mining activities and the IDEFO would be included as part of the site's 1,000,000 ton annual limit. Additionally, and in conformance with SMARA and Chapter 5.48, Surface Mining Operations, Riverside County Code (Riverside County Code of Ordinances, 1995), SMP159R2 also includes a proposed reclamation plan that shows the proposed slopes and final grading contours planned upon completion of mining activities on site. The Project also proposes a change in timing for approved for mining activities within 300 feet of the Mine boundary from between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. excluding Sundays and federal holidays, to between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., seven days per week including Sundays and federal holidays. All operations located more than 300-feet from the outside project boundary may operate 24-hours per day throughout the site. The proposed surface mining permit revision proposes a 50-year life of permit until December 31, 2070. Project Planner: Jay Olivas at (760) 863-7050 or email at jolivas@rivco.org.

TIME OF HEARING: DATE OF HEARING: PLACE OF HEARING: 9:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER BOARD CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR 4080 LEMON STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and at the place of hearing, as listed above. Public access to the meeting location will be allowed, but limited to comply with the Executive Order. Information on how to participate in the hearing will be available on the Planning Department website at: <u>https://planning.rctlma.org/</u>. For further information regarding this project please contact Project Planner Jay Olivas at (760) 863-7050 or email at jolivas@rivco.org, or go to the County Planning Department's Planning Commission agenda web page at <u>http://planning.rctlma.org/PublicHearings.aspx</u>.

The Riverside County Planning Department has determined that the above-described project has the potential to have a significant effect on the environment and has prepared an environmental impact report. Environmental Impact Report, which identifies all significant environmental effects, has been prepared in conjunction with the

above referenced applications that constitute the proposed project. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed project, and the final environmental impact report, at the public hearing.

The case file for the proposed project is available for review via email by contacting the project planner. Please contact the project planner regarding additional viewing methods or to schedule an appointment.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit their comments in writing by mail or email, or by phone between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, you may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. You may participate remotely by registering with the Planning Department. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project. All correspondence received before and during the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comment, the Planning Commission may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Please send all written correspondence to: RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT Attn: Jay Olivas P.O. Box 1409, Riverside, CA 92502-1409