

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF AVILABILITY FOR THE
CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT;
ADOPTION OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND
REPORTING PROGRAM; SURFACE MINING PERMIT AND
RECLAMATION PLAN (PMR 19-001)**

Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer has approved for public review the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for Deer Creek Rock Co., Inc: Surface Mining Permit and Reclamation Plan; (Clearinghouse # 2019049052). Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93277-9394. (559) 624-7016, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am, by appointment) and at the following Tulare County Web Site:

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/projects/planning-projects/applicant-projects/deer-creek-mine-expansion/>

Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Administration Building, County Civic Center, 2800 West Burrel, Visalia, California. The hearing will pertain to the Deer Creek Mine Expansion PMR 19-001 and Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

PROJECT: Deer Creek Mine Expansion PMR 19-001

APPLICANT/AGENT: Jaxon Baker

PROJECT LOCATION: Deer Creek Rock Co., site (APN's: 305-190-021 and expansion APN No. 305-190-022 is located on 27671 Avenue 120/Road 27, Porterville, CA 93257, Tulare County, California, Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.&M.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Applicant currently operates a rock and gravel surface mining operation on 110 acres. The applicant will expand the site by approximately 20 acres, located adjacent and east to the existing mine. The expansion will also increase annual production from 1,000,000, to a maximum 1,500,000 tons per year, as permitted by PMR 14-002, PMR 01-001, PMR 09-002, and PSP 01-055 (ZA). The requested permit amendments will make PMR 14-002, PMR 01-001, PMR 09-002, and PSP 01-055 (ZA) consistent, and allow for heavy-duty truck hauling not to exceed 600 trips per day. The estimated total production is 60,000,000 tons of rock material over an estimated 50-years of operation. The disturbed area is proposed to be reclaimed for grazing. The mined material will be transported by truck to the Deer Creek Rock Company site, an existing permitted rock plant adjacent to the Project site.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Recommendation to approve the Final SEIR (State Clearinghouse SCH. # 2019049052) certification and the adoption of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP).

REVIEW PERIOD: 10-Days until, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Planning Commission on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:00 am.

All meetings are held at the Board of Chambers, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California 93291
PLANNING COMMISSION meetings start at 9:00 a.m.

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Board meetings in the following ways: Remote Viewing Listen to the live audio stream of the Planning Commission meetings at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/planning-commission/>.

Submit written comments on an agenda item to the Clerk of the Planning Commission at planningcommission@co.tulare.ca.us for distribution to the Planning Commission *before the meeting*. **For further information regarding this project, please call Chuck Przybylski (559) 624-7000.** For environmental questions, please call Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121. If you challenge the decision on any of the foregoing matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Planning Branch within the review period described herein. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 624-7000 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

HECTOR GUERRA, CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER
REED SCHENKE, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER