

**4/5 June 2020 BOARD MEETING  
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

**AGENDA ITEM: 21**

**SUBJECT:**

Lehigh Southwest Cement Company and Calaveras Cement Company, Calaveras Cement CKD-3 Project, Calaveras County – Resolution Adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for Calaveras Cement CKD-3 Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

Lehigh Southwest Cement Company and Calaveras Cement Company (hereafter jointly Discharger or Lehigh), own and operate the Calaveras Cement Plant (hereafter site) about 2.5 miles south of San Andreas, Calaveras County. The site is a former 250-acre limestone quarry and cement production facility that ceased operation in 1982. While the facility was in operation from 1926 to 1982, cement kiln dust (CKD) and waste rock were discharged to three CKD dust piles (CKD-1, CKD-2, CKD-3) and two waste rock piles (West Rock Storage Area and East Rock Storage Area), respectively. Mining and processing activities ceased in 1982 and the facilities have been decommissioned and demolished. Current Waste Discharge Requirements order R5-2017-0077-01 (Order) classifies cement kiln dust as Group B Mining Waste. Proposed closure project includes consolidating CKD material at CKD-3 under a low-permeability cover, installing a leachate collection and removal system to control subsurface drainage, installing surface water drainage controls, and closing CKD-3 unit in compliance with the Order and Title 27 Requirements.

Lehigh began excavation of CKD-3 in 2018, but discovered the need for permitting from the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife which triggered the need to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.).

Central Valley Water Board has assumed the role of lead agency in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15050, for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of CEQA. Initial Study and

Mitigated Negative Declaration were prepared in accordance with Section 15063 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations in order to evaluate potential significant environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed closure project. Mitigation measures as described in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan will ensure that the project will not create significant effects to the environment. Copies of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration were transmitted to or made available to all agencies and persons known to be interested in these matters. No comments were received.

Central Valley Water Board hereby determines that there is no substantial evidence that the project, with mitigation measures, will have a significant effect on the environment, and adopts the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the proposed the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approve the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

**REVIEWS:**

Management Review:	
Legal Review:	JMJ

**BOARD MEETING LOCATION:**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting  
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

***Internet Zoom Meeting***