Applications of Lehigh Hanson & Stevens Creek Quarry to Expand Quarry / Amend Reclamation Plans



July 31, 2019

Community Meeting Format

- Presentation
- 5 min break
- Speaker cards
- Hard stop at 8pm
- Posting of question & answers
- Posting of presentation

Presentation Outline

- Update of increased truck issue
- Update of illegally graded road issue
- Reclamation plan amendments from Lehigh to County
 - November 2018 (Minor amendment)
 - March 2019 (Revision to 11/18 Minor amendment)
 - May 2019 (Major reclamation plan amendment)

Presentation Outline - continued

- Stevens Creek Quarry Pre-application Reclamation Plan Amendment
- County application process timeline and public input
- Compliance Issues for both Lehigh & Stevens Creek Quarry
- Other agency concerns

Update of increased truck issue

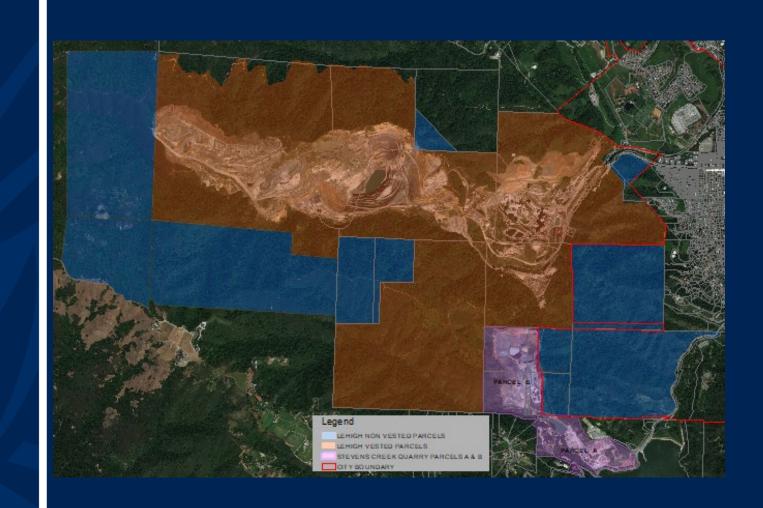
City letter dated January 31st to the County

- Follow up to County NOV dated 8/17/18
- SCQ processing and sale of imported aggregates was a violation
- Lehigh does not have vested right to construct offsite customer access road
- Access to SCQ is limited to Stevens Canyon Rd.

Update of increased truck issue - continued

County issued NOV on 2/15/19 stopping the trucks

- Mediated conditions of Parcel B
- \$1000/day
- Use permit required



Update of illegally graded road issue

County issued NOV on August 17, 2018

- Grading outside of 2012 reclamation plan boundaries
- Slope stability analysis
- Lack of erosion controls





Update of illegally graded road issue - continued

City issued administrative citation and NOV May 28th

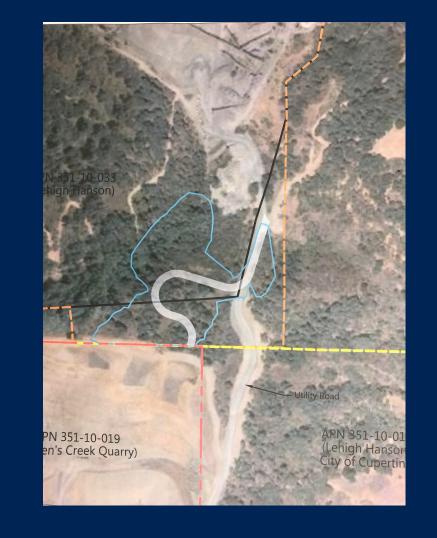
- Grading w/o permit
- Violation of design standards
- Lack of erosion controls
- Removal of protected trees

Reclamation plan amendments from Lehigh to County

November 2018 (Minor amendment)

Submitted November 2018

 Purpose was to add 7.1 acres to the existing reclamation area to include illegally graded haul road
Subsequently withdrawn 2/20/19



Reclamation plan amendments from Lehigh to County

March 2019 (Revision to 11/18 Minor amendment)

Revision to November 2018 application

- Added 73 acres to existing reclamation area to included existing internal haul roads
- Roads to stay in place post reclamation



March 2019 (Revision to 11/18 Minor amendment) - continued

County issued "Incomplete Letter" on April 29th

- Lehigh to submit a major reclamation plan amendment as opposed to minor due to RCA boundary changes
- Justification to leave roads in place vs not reclaim
- Biological report for illegally graded haul road

Reclamation plan amendments from Lehigh to County

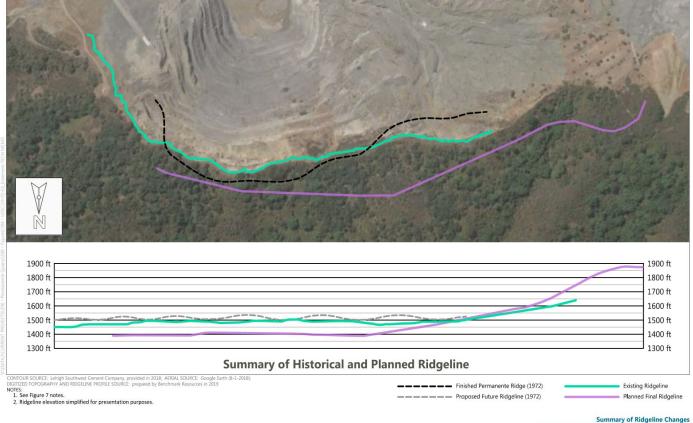
May 2019 (Major reclamation plan amendment)

Proposes complete replacement of the 2012 Reclamation Plan Amendment

- Import 33 million cubic yards of clean fill to reclaim the main quarry pit.
- 600 trucks/day; 300 days/year for 30 years

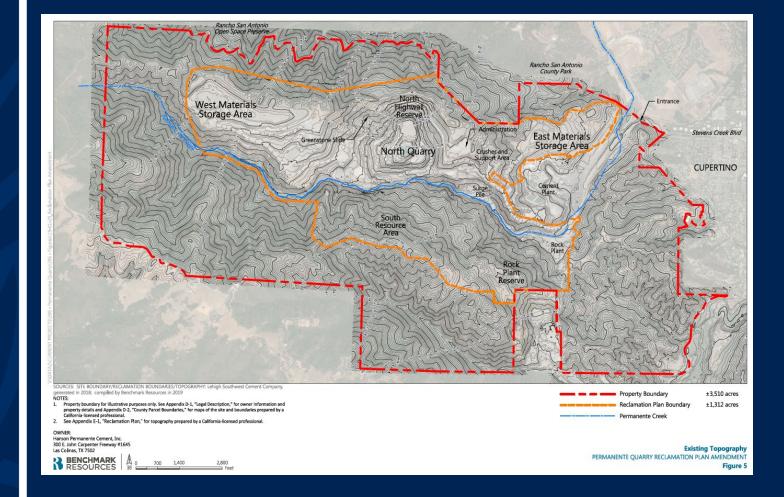
- Leaves overburden material currently stored in the West Materials Storage Area (WMSA) (instead of using to fill main quarry pit)
- Modifies the max. elevation of the WMSA; increased 160'

 Modify County's 1972 Ridgeline Protection Easement and decrease the lower ridge crest along a portion of the North Quarry highwall by approx. 100' in order to mine more material and layback the slope for stabilization.



PERMANENTE QUARRY RIDGELINE PROTECTION EASEMENT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM Figure 10

- Expand mining activity into a new 30 acre (Rock Plant Reserve) located to the south east of the main quarry pit
- Reestablish hauling of material to SCQ



City position:

Letter dated July 3, 2019

- Several proposed activities not within vested rights new use permit and environmental review needed.
- Export of material between Lehigh and SCQ extends life of both.

City position:

Letter dated July 3, 2019

- Increase of trucks unacceptable impact to residents, streets and infrastructure.
- Concern with ridgeline lowering
- Urges application denied until all violations resolved

County position:

Incomplete letter dated July 22, 2019

- Requests a diagram showing extent of proposed grading within 1972 Ridgeline Easement
- Revision to Permanente Creek Restoration area

County position: - continued

- Rock Plan Reserve Area mining
- Proposed tree removal & replacement
- Geology
- Existing violations
- Coordination with utility road reclamation application

County position: - continued

- EIR to be prepared by the County with more info needed in future
 - Import of fill increase truck traffic, feasibility
- Visual impacts of leaving WMSA
- Internal haul road to SCQ
- SCQ reclamation plan overlap

Stevens Creek Quarry Preapplication Reclamation Plan Amendment

Submitted to County May 2019

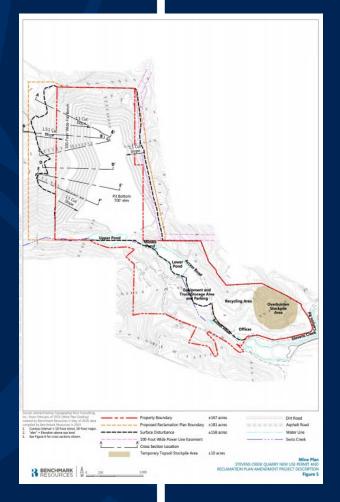
- Amends existing reclamation plan to:
 - Extend use permit that applies to Parcel A to Parcel B for 30 years
 - Import up to 1 million tons of greenstone per year (400 truck trips per year) on haul road connecting to Lehigh – stored and processed on Parcel B

Stevens Creek Quarry Preapplication Reclamation Plan Amendment - continued

- Import 6-7 million cubic yards of fill over next 30 years to backfill cut slopes
- Include 75.5 acres of land currently owned by Lehigh

Stevens Creek Quarry Preapplication Reclamation Plan Amendment - continued

- Resolve slope stability issues
- Include a new settling basin





Stevens Creek Quarry Preapplication Reclamation Plan Amendment - continued

City position:

Letter dated July 2, 2019

- Application violates mediated operating conditions for Parcel B
- SCQ has been operating w/o a valid reclamation plan or operating plan since 2014

Stevens Creek Quarry Preapplication Reclamation Plan Amendment - continued

- Current operations are causing truck congestion and infrastructure issues that require a truck plan
- Request to add more trucks exasperates
- No explanation provided why onsite materials cannot be used for reclamation

Lehigh

- Incomplete letter state 180 days to resubmit
- Once complete then:
 - EIR/CEQA review 3 separate public meetings.
 - EIR scoping meeting notice of preparation
 - CEQA document
 - Planning Commission EIR comment meeting

Lehigh - continued

- Planning Commission consideration of reclamation plan
- Board of Supervisors consideration of 1972 Ridgeline easement

Timeline: 2-3 years + time to resolve NOV for Permanente Creek

SCQ

- No formal application to date
- Once complete then:
 - EIR/CEQA review 3 separate public meetings.
 - EIR scoping meeting notice of preparation
 - CEQA document
 - Planning Commission EIR comment meeting

SCQ - continued

- Planning Commission consideration of reclamation plan
- No Board of Supervisors unless appealed

Timeline: 2-3 years

Compliance Issues for both Lehigh & Stevens Creek Quarry

Lehigh

- NOV's for illegal road from Lehigh to Stevens
 Creek Quarry
- Two NOV for sediment in Permanente Creek from unstable hillslope
 - June 13, 2019 from County
 - July 9, 2019 from Water Board



Compliance Issues for both Lehigh & Stevens Creek Quarry

Lehigh - continued

- BAAQMD
 - Particulate emissions exceeded June '19; opacity emissions exceeded July '18
- Water Board
 - Selenium April '19
 - Unauthorized discharge Feb. & May '18

Compliance Issues for both Lehigh & Stevens Creek Quarry

Stevens Creek Quarry

Conditional Use Permit Expired in 2015

Other Agencies with Concerns

- Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District
- City of Los Altos

Useful Links:

City of Cupertino: www.Cupertino.org/Lehigh_SCQ

Santa Clara County Planning:

https://www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd/Programs/SMARA/PermanenteQuarry/Pages/PermanenteMain.aspx

Regional Water Quality Control Board:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/

Bay Area Air Quality Management District: http://www.baaqmd.gov

Surface Mining and Reclamation Act:

https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dmr/lawsandregulations

Questions

5 – Minute Break

Complete a speaker card