



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Agenda Date: June **28, 2006**

Planning Commission  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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Subject: Granite Construction Company Felton Quarry **2005 Annual Report**

Members of the Commission:

The Conditions of Approval for the Granite Construction Company Felton Quarry require the operator to submit a copy of the annual report for staff inclusion on the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission consent agenda. The operator has submitted the 2005 Annual Report. In keeping with our historic practice, a copy of the report, with all proprietary information removed, is on file in the Planning Department and available for Planning Commission review. Planning Department staff has completed a detailed review of the report, which is summarized below.

The required contents of the Annual Report are listed in the County Mining Regulations and supplemented by the Conditions of Approval for the mine. As required, in April of this year Granite Construction Company submitted the Annual Report for 2005, which contains all of the required elements. The Annual Report includes an evaluation of operational compliance with each of the Conditions of Approval, as well as a summary of activities in 2005 and projected activities in 2006. Attached to the Annual Report are consultant's reports on revegetation activities, geologic and hydrologic monitoring and noise monitoring, and copies of monitoring reports submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD). In addition, the Annual Report includes information on enforcement of the Felton Quarry Trucker Policy, resident notification and monitoring of off-hours operations (night time paving jobs), and a current aerial photograph and topographic map of the site.

Based on a review of the annual technical reports regarding geology, hydrology, noise and water quality, and discussion with MBUAPCD staff, County staff concludes that the operation continues to be in compliance with respective Conditions of Approval. No blasting occurred in 2005. During the three off hours operations for public road projects in Santa Cruz County that occurred in 2005 the operator was in compliance with all respective Conditions of Approval, including neighborhood notification, site noise monitoring, truck speed and noise monitoring, and odor reduction measures. No complaints of these operations were received.

As the Commission recalls, a Five-Year review of the mine operation was completed in December 2004. As a result, operations in 2005 incorporating improvements in the areas of noise and dust control. Projected additional activities in 2006 include experimenting to further reduce neighborhood noise impacts and repair of winter erosion damage.

### **Conclusion and Recommendation**

Based on a review of the 2005 Annual Report combined with quarterly site inspection, Planning Department staff concludes that the Felton **Quarry** is in compliance with all Conditions of Approval. As noted above, a copy of the 2005 Annual Report with all proprietary information removed is on file in the Planning Department for Planning Commission review.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED, that your Commission accept and file this report.

Sincerely,



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Exhibits:

- A. Granite Construction Company Felton Quarry 2005 Annual Report (on file)