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Planning Commission
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Subject: Granite Construction Company Felton Quarry 2007 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 2007 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 2007, 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 2007 and projected activities in 2008. 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, air and water quality, and revegetation activities, Planning Department staff concludes that the operation continues to be in compliance with respective Conditions of Approval.

No blasting occurred in 2007. During the eleven nights of off hours operations for public road projects in Santa Cruz County that occurred in 2007 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. The quarry and Planning Department staff addressed two complaints regarding truck noise during these operations, including follow up to the complainants.

As the Commission recalls, a Five-Year review of the mine operation was completed in December 2004. As a result, operations in 2005 incorporated improvements in the areas of noise and dust control.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Based on a review of the 2007 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 2007 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 2007 Annual Report (on file)