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March 26, 2021

AGENDA DATE: April 14, 2021

Planning Commission
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: FELTON QUARRY PERMIT REVIEW CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Granite Construction (Granite) has decided to withdraw its application for additional night operations at the Felton Quarry. They are no longer seeking any additional nights and application 191104 for the additional nights is no longer on the Planning Commission agenda because the application has been withdrawn. The letter of withdrawal is attached. Granite conducted the community outreach requested by the Planning Commission. They held a community meeting on March 4, 2021, launched a website to gather community feedback on alternative proposals presented by Granite, and offered to meet individually with residents along the truck route. Granite decided to withdraw the application after careful consideration of the community's feedback.

Therefore, the remaining action item for the Planning Commission at this time is the Permit Review of the existing Mining Approval 74-0633 for compliance with the existing conditions of approval. On January 27, 2021 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Felton Quarry Permit Review. The public hearing was continued to March 10, 2021 and again to April 14, 2021 for reasons related to the former amendment application that has now been withdrawn. The staff report for the January 27, 2021 public hearing contains a complete review of the existing quarry operations for compliance with existing conditions of approval as a separate, stand-alone part of the staff report. Please refer to the Permit Review section and Exhibit A of the January 27, 2021 staff report. All the other information in the January 27, 2021 staff report related to the amendment application is no longer applicable because the amendment application has been withdrawn. The Permit Review portion of the staff report contains analysis addressing the compliance review and issues currently affecting the quarry. Exhibit A of the staff report contains a review of each condition of approval. Some of the more important issues evaluated in the complete permit review are discussed in the staff report. Based on a comprehensive review of the quarry operations and the permit conditions, Planning Department staff concludes that the Felton Quarry is in substantial compliance with all

conditions of approval for Mining Approval 74-0633. No new or modified conditions are recommended as a result of this Permit Review.

Recommended Action:

It is therefore recommended, that your Commission

- Conduct a public hearing on the Permit Review of the existing Mining Approval 74-0633 for compliance with conditions of approval.
- Accept and file the report on the Permit Review.

Report submitted by:

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Attachment

Letter withdrawing application 191104



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March 26, 2021

Dear Commissioner,

After careful consideration of the community's feedback, Granite has decided to withdraw its application for 100-night operations at the Felton Quarry.

Granite had made this request to prepare for the possibility of an abundance of local Caltrans work in a single calendar year. Based on the commission's direction, we worked hard to engage our community. We mailed letters to over 700 addresses near the quarry and along the truck route. That letter explained why additional nights may be necessary due to a shift in the timing of Caltrans projects. It also solicited the community's feedback via a website Granite created that invited our neighbors to select an alternative option to our original 100 night ask. Each alternative also included additional items, including expanded public notification and the creation of a community enhancement fund where Granite would contribute dollars to support pedestrian and bike safety enhancements along the truck route. That letter also invited recipients to participate in an online community forum held on March 4 to learn more about our request, ask questions, and offer alternatives. I also included my phone number and email address in the letter and invited my neighbors to contact me directly, and many did. Finally, we made a presentation to the City of Santa Cruz's Transportation and Public Works Commission that summarized our application in an effort to engage as wide an audience as possible.

Granite firmly believes and has demonstrated that locally available construction materials is an environmental and economic benefit to our community.

If Caltrans were to have significant work in a future year we will engage with the community and Santa Cruz County Planning to discuss those projects as needed.

For any questions or comments, please know that I'll continue to be available to you via the contact information listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Roland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Donald E. Roland
Manager of Construction Materials
Granite Construction Company