



California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

July 17, 2014

Ms. Connie Chung
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
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RE: Comments Los Angeles General Plan – Redline Version June 23, 2014

Dear Ms. Chung,

The California Construction and Industrial Materials Association (CalcIMA) is a statewide trade association representing construction aggregate, ready-mix concrete and industrial materials producers in California. Our members supply the materials that build our state’s infrastructure, including public roads, rail and water projects; helps build our homes, schools and hospitals; assists in growing crops and feeding livestock; and plays a key role in manufacturing wallboard, roofing shingles, paint, glass, low-energy light bulbs, and battery technology for electric cars and windmills.

CalcIMA appreciates the opportunity to submit the following comments regarding the Los Angeles County General Plan 2035 – Redline Version June 23, 2014, and looks forward to working with the County in the prudent protection of mineral resources.

General Plan, Section VI. Mineral and Energy Resources Additions to Goals and Policies For Mineral and Energy Resources

Specifically in support of Goal C/NR 10, CalcIMA suggests the following additional policies to further strengthen the County’s General Plan Goals for mineral resources. The additions are noted in **bold** and are listed as policies C/NR 10.2 through C/NR 10.5. Policies C/NR 10.2 and C/NR 10.3 are obligations under state statute.

Goal C/NR 10: Locally available mineral resources to meet the needs of construction, transportation, and industry.	
Topic	Policy
Mineral Resource Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.1: Protect MRZ-2s and access to MRZ-2s from development and discourage incompatible adjacent land uses.

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Mineral Resource Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.2: prior to permitting a use that would threaten the potential to extract minerals in an identified Mineral Resource Zone, the county shall prepare a statement specifying its reasons for permitting the proposed use, and shall forward a copy to the State Geologist and the board for review in accordance with Public Resources Code subsections 2762 and 2763 as applicable.
Mineral Resource Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.3: Recognize newly identified MRZ-2s within 12 months of transmittal of information by State Mining and Geology Board.
Mineral Resource Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.4: Work with the State Geologist and State Mining and Geology Board and SCAG to prioritize Mineral Land Classification efforts of MRZ3 and MRZ 4 lands adjacent to planned new or existing Freight routes.
Mineral Resource Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.5: Work with SCAG to include mineral resource zones within the Natural Resources section of their Sustainable Communities Strategies as directed under SB 375.
Mineral Resources Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.6: Manage mineral resources in a manner, which effectively plans for the access to, development and conservation of mineral resources for existing and future generations.
Mineral Resources Zone Protection	Policy C/NR 10.7: Require that new non-mining land uses adjacent to existing mining operations be designed to provide a buffer between the new development and the mining operations. The buffer distance shall be based on an evaluation of noise, aesthetics, drainage, operating conditions biological resources, topography, lighting, traffic, operating hours and air quality.

General Plan Updates – 3. Data Updates

CalCIMA suggests that Mineral Resources be included in the Data Update section and that the following supporting language be included:

“Programs such as the state’s mineral land classification project are updated with new and expanded information over time. The county is required to recognize data transmitted by the State Mining and Geology Board within the General Plan within 12 months of receipt under Public Resources Code 2762 (a)1.”

Appendix C: Land Use Element Resources – Table C.1: Constraints, by Class and Data Sources.

Under Mineral Resources (pg. 156), the County states, “A continuous supply of aggregate materials for urban infrastructure is essential to the Southern California economy.” Recognizing the critical role of aggregates in fulfilling the County’s future infrastructure needs, CalCIMA strongly suggests that the County’s Mineral Resource Zones currently classified as Class I be

reclassified as Class II. State Statute 65080.01 presently states that Mineral Resource Zone 2 is equivalent to prime farm land that the County currently has classified as Class II.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on latest iteration of the Los Angeles County General Plan 2035. We appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to a productive and open dialogue on the revisions to over the next few months. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (562) 370-7129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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