



California Construction and  
Industrial Materials Association

June 12, 2014

Ms. Emma Howard  
Los Angeles County, Department of Regional Planning  
320 W. Temple Street, Room 1354  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Additional Comments Regarding Draft 5 of the Significant Ecological Areas

Dear Ms. Howard,

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.

As stated in our letter dated April 11, 2014, CalcIMA strongly opposes the proposed Significant Ecological Area (SEA) overlay, which would create a direct and detrimental conflict with current and future aggregate material availability in the region. Additionally, the SEA overlay in the Antelope Valley and Santa Clara River Valley areas will negatively impact the County's SB 375 goals since this specific area (E-1, E-2, E-3 E-4, and E-5) would overlap land that the State has long designated as an area of statewide mineral significance already CEQA approved. The proposed overlay would certainly deter mining companies from accessing significant aggregate deposits used for critical infrastructure projects countywide. Furthermore, the SEA overlay would force the County to become wholly dependent on aggregate sources from neighboring regions and/or neighboring counties. It would also trigger significant increases in costs to the County along with dramatic increases in carbon dioxide emissions, air pollution, traffic congestion, and highway maintenance requiring costly additional analysis as part of the County's SB 375 goals and the overall General Plan.

For the reasons above CalcIMA request that minerals extraction be exempt from the SEA Ordinance in order for the county to maintain a local source of aggregates and other construction materials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Driscoll".

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