

CHAPTER I

Introduction

A. CEQA Process

On May 20, 2008, the County of Sonoma (the Lead Agency) released for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR or DEIR) on the proposed Roblar Road Quarry. A 45-day public review and comment period on the Draft EIR began on May 20, 2008, and closed on July 22, 2008. The County also held a public hearing to receive oral public comment on the Draft EIR at the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD), at 2550 Ventura Avenue in Santa Rosa on June 19, 2008.

The Draft EIR for the proposed Roblar Road Quarry, together with this Response to Comments Document, constitute the Final EIR for the proposed project. The Final EIR is an informational document prepared by the Lead Agency that must be considered by decision-makers before approving the proposed project (CEQA *Guidelines*, Section 15090). California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) *Guidelines* (Section 15132) specify the following:

“The Final EIR shall consist of:

- (a) The Draft EIR or a revision of that draft.
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in a summary.
- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in review and consultation process.
- (e) Any other information added by the Lead Agency.”

This document has been prepared pursuant to CEQA and in conformance with the CEQA *Guidelines*. This Response to Comments Document incorporates comments from public agencies and the general public, and contains appropriate responses by the Lead Agency to those comments.

B. Method of Organization

This EIR Response to Comments Document for the proposed Roblar Road Quarry contains information in response to comments raised during the public comment period.

Chapter I describes the CEQA process and the organization of this Response to Comments Document.

Chapter II contains master responses. Numerous comments pertained to a number of similar issues. The master responses provide detailed information related to each of these key issue areas in one place rather than dispersing this information throughout the document.

Chapter III contains a list of all persons and organizations that submitted written comments and/or made spoken comments on the Draft EIR during the public review period.

Chapter IV contains copies of the comment letters and public hearing minutes, and the responses to those comments. Within each letter and public hearing minutes, individual comments are labeled with a number in the margin. Immediately following the comment letter are responses to each of the numbered comments.

Chapter V contains an errata identifying text changes to the Draft EIR. Some changes were made by the County; others were made in response to comments received on the Draft EIR.