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County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department
Date: January 7, 2020

Subject: Contract with Benchmark, Inc. to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the CEMEX Clayton Quarry project, County File #'s LP15-2030 and LP15-2031.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Benchmark Land Use Group, Inc. (dba Benchmark Resources), in an amount not to exceed \$295,952 to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the CEMEX Clayton Quarry project, for the period January 7, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact to the County General Fund. The applicant is responsible for payment of costs associated with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) received an application from CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific, LLC., requesting approval of two land use permit applications. The first application seeks to amend a previously approved 1983 Reclamation Plan, the second request seeks approval to alter planned contours (depth). As proposed, instead of backfilling the quarry pit to an elevation of 650 feet above-mean-sea-level (AMSL), the east rim of the quarry pit will remain at an elevation of 800 feet AMSL and the pit will be mined to a depth of 110 feet AMSL and be allowed to fill slowly with storm

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/07/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 7, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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water to an elevation of 735 feet AMSL.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

DCD has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. The EIR will be prepared by DCD, who will be the lead agency, with the assistance of a professional consulting team possessing the necessary expertise. After completing the Request for Proposal process, DCD selected Benchmark Landuse Group, Inc., as the contractor for completing the EIR.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Department of Conservation and Development will be unable to complete the environmental review of a pending land development application.