



SANTA MARGARITA QUARRY EIR SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Hanson Aggregates applied for a modification to an existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) seeking approval for a Reclamation Plan Amendment to expand the existing operations of the Santa Margarita Quarry (a granite hard rock quarry), located approximately three miles northeast of the community of Santa Margarita in San Luis Obispo County.



Hanson proposed to expand the existing boundaries of the quarry by an estimated 33 acres, an expansion that would yield approximately 21.5 million tons of aggregate reserves to be mined over an estimated 59 year period.

Baseline was retained to assist the EIR team in the preparation of the geology, hydrology and water quality, hazards, and noise sections of the EIR. Baseline also assisted with development of the project description and alternatives.



Several important issues were analyzed by the Baseline team, including the potential for the project to adversely impact water quality in the adjacent Salinas River, the potential to deplete water resources related to an increase in water use, the long-term stability of the post-mining slopes, handling and management of hazardous materials, and the potential for mining activities (including truck traffic and hard rock blasting), to result in adverse noise impacts on area residents.

Baseline developed mitigation measures to address identified significant impacts and the EIR was certified by the County.

