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Attn: Donald Barrella:

This is a California Public Records Act (CPRA) Request: In both the Draft Syar EIR Volume I Complete – August 2013 and the Draft Syar EIR Volume II Complete (Appendices) August 2013 (2000+ pages) numerous references were made to empirical data (truck weigh ticket records and sales records) provided by Syar Industries, Inc. to the County and the County’s consultants, while excluding the public.

Obviously, this empirical data exists and should have been included in the Syar EIR for public review; presently, the data is either lacking or absent. The production of this data is necessary to allow the public the opportunity to independently verify Syar Napa Quarry’s truck trip mileages, total annual saleable tonnage produced, and the distribution of product, measured in both tonnage and percentage, inside and outside of the Napa region.

Additionally, the data is needed in order to understand and verify statements, assumptions and conclusions made by the applicant, the County, and the County’s consultants. Therefore, and to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), these records/documents must be made part of the public record, not withheld, available to the public in order to facilitate a meaningful, analytical review of the Project’s proposals, objectives, impacts, and mitigations.

Please produce the records/documents requested below. See **CPRA Requests #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5**. Thank you.

A. Document References: County of Napa Document

Board Agenda Letter (sent by e-mail to the public by Melissa Frost, Administrative Clerk, Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services, 8-5-15, 5:06 PM):

(1). Section I. Production Levels, Anticipated Demand, and Potential Reserves: (See second paragraph, second sentence) “However, in reviewing sales records supplied by

Syar for the past three years (2012 through 2014) approximately 78% of the materials sold from the Quarry in the last 3 years are used in Napa County.”

CPRA Request #1: Please produce the “sales records supplied by Syar” for the years 2012 through 2014 referred to in the sentence quoted above. Thank you.

B. Document References: Draft EIR Volume 1

In the Draft Syar EIR Volume 1 Complete – August 2013, one reference is made to truck weigh tickets:

(1). Section 4.0 Environmental Settings, Impacts and Mitigation Measures, Transportation, Table 4.15-7, page 4.15-15: “Notes: ¹Daily average and peak hour from Syar Industries, Inc. weigh scale tickets from 09/29/2009 and 10/07/2009.”

In the Draft Syar EIR Volume 1 Complete – August 2013, one reference is made to historical sales and truck traffic data:

(1). Section 4.0 Environmental Setting, Impacts and Mitigation Measures, Transportation, heading Trip Generation and Distribution, subheading Trip Generation, page 4.15-14: “For the analysis of potential project-related traffic impacts site-specific trip generation rates were developed for the quarry entrance using historical sales and truck traffic data. This analysis focuses on truck trips related to aggregate products sold, ...”

CPRA Request #2: Please produce the “weigh scale tickets” and the “historical sales and truck traffic data” used for the “analysis” referred to in the sentences quoted above. Thank you.

C. Document References: Draft EIR Volume 2 Appendices, Appendix G:

In the Draft Syar EIR Volume 2 Complete (Appendices) August 2013 (2000+ pages), Appendix G, five references are made to truck weigh tickets:

(1). Executive Summary, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading Trip Generation and Distribution, page ES-1: “Winzler & Kelly developed site-specific trip generation rates for the project based on projections of tons of aggregate sold and the corresponding trip information from Syar Industries, Inc. for the years on record from 2004 through 2009, peak day of sales data during those five years, and Quarry exit weigh scale tickets during September 29, 2009 and October 7, 2009.”

(2). Trip Generation and Distribution, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 3.1.2 Peak Day sales Analysis and Corresponding Peak day Trip Generation Rates (historical peak day data), page 12: “Syar provided all truck weigh tickets and ticket times for the purposes of determining representative trip generation rate for the daily and AM and PM peak hours of adjacent street traffic.”

(3). Trip Generation and Distribution, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 3.1.3 Peak Hour Trip Generation Analysis (using historical aggregate sales data for September 29, 2009 and October 7, 2009), page 12: “To determine the trip generation rates for the AM and PM peak hours of adjacent street traffic, truck trips, tonnages and weigh scale tickets and times were obtained from Syar Industries, Inc. for the traffic count dates of September 29, 2009 and October 7, 2009. This data was analyzed to determine the quarry sales for these dates and to calculate the truck trip generation rates... The total sales and corresponding truck trips based on weigh scale tickets ...”

(4). Trip Generation and Distribution, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, Table 3.3, page 13: “¹Daily average and peak hour from Syar Industries, Inc. weigh scale tickets from 09/29/2009 and 10/07/2009.”

(5). Existing Condition, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 4.6 Existing Traffic Volumes, page 26: “The traffic counts were conducted during a non-holiday week with acceptable weather conditions, however the Quarry experienced higher than average production for the day based on truck weigh scale tickets for this day compared with annual average data, which was discussed in Chapter 3.”

In the Draft EIR Volume 2 Complete (Appendices) August 2013 (2000+ pages), Appendix G, four references are made to historical sales and truck traffic data.”:

(1). Trip Generation and Distribution, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 3.1 Trip Generation, page 11: “For the analysis of potential project-related impacts site-specific trip generation rates were developed for the Quarry entrance using historical sales and truck traffic data. This analysis focuses on truck trips related to aggregate products sold,...”. “Winzler & Kelly obtained annual sales totals and the corresponding truck trip information from Syar Industries, Inc. for the years 2004 through 2009.” “All of this data was reviewed and considered in developing the site trip generation rates.”

(2). Trip Generation and Distribution< Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 3.1.1, Annual Average Sales Analysis and Corresponding Average Daily Trip Generation Rate (2004-2008 historical data provided by Syar), page 11: “Between 2004 and 2008 (period of record) the Quarry’s annual average sales was approximately 810,000 tons, or 81 percent of the current permitted maximum.”

(3). Trip Generation and Distribution, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 3.1.2 Peak Day Sales Analysis and Corresponding Peak Day Trip Generation Rates (historical peak day data), page 12: “Syar provided all truck weigh tickets and ticket times for the purposes of determining representative trip generation rate ...”.

(4). Trip Generation and Distribution, Napa Quarry Expansion EIR Traffic Impact Study, subheading 3.1.4 Project Trip Generation Rates, page 13: “For the period of record (2004-2008), the Quarry sold an average of approximately 324 tons/hour.” “Table 3-4

summarizes the selected truck trip generation rates and Quarry sales levels that were developed for use in this traffic study. These rates are based on the results of this rate analysis and discussions with Syar Industries, Inc. staff.”

CPRA Request #3: Please produce the “Quarry exit weigh scale tickets”, “truck weigh tickets”, “weigh scale tickets”, “historical sales and truck traffic data”, “annual sales totals” record, and “historical data provided by Syar” “For the period of record (2004-2008)” used as the analytical basis of the Syar EIR pertaining/relevant to the sentences quoted above. Thank you.

D. Document References: Draft Syar EIR Volume 2 Appendices, Appendix I

In the Draft EIR Volume 2 Complete (Appendices) August 2013 (2000+ pages), Appendix I, one reference was made to truck weigh tickets:

Sespe Consulting, Inc., Syar Napa Quarry Expansion Project, Napa County, California, Air Quality and Health Risk Impact assessment, August 14, 2013, subsection 5.6.2 Onroad Vehicles, page 18: “On-road truck emissions were estimated based upon the mass of materials transported, the average amount in each truck, and the default off-site travel distance ... The baseline amount in each truck was calculated using historical production and number of weigh tickets.”

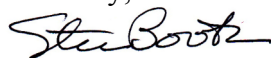
CPRA Request #4: Please produce the “historical production and number of weigh tickets” records/documents used in the Syar EIR. In other words, please produce Syar Napa Quarry’s truck weigh tickets for the period of record, 2004-2008. Thank you.

CPRA Request #5: To complete Syar Napa Quarry’s historical production (tons sold), truck trip (tons shipped), and trip destination (truck mileage/trip) record, please produce the Quarry’s exit weigh scale tickets and sales records for the years, 2009-2011. Thank you.

Please produce the records/documents requested above immediately. If you have any questions concerning the records/documents requested, please contact us without delay.

Please advise by e-mail to stopsyarexpansion@gmail.com or by phone [707-227-8967](tel:707-227-8967) to inform us when and where the records/documents are ready for inspection and we will make arrangements with you to view them and/or make copies. Or, if you already have or can readily obtain the records/documents in electronic format please e-mail them immediately. Thank you in advance for your attention to this CPRA request and for your professional courtesy in this regard.

Sincerely,



Steven Booth

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