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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Salt Creek Trail Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes to construct and operate two trail segments totaling 7.9 miles (Proposed Project). The 4.3-mile western trail segment is located from the intersection of Goetz Road and Canyon Lake Drive to the intersection of Antelope Road and Aldergate Drive in the City of Menifee. The 3.9-mile eastern trail segment is located from the intersection of Sanderson Avenue and Domenigoni Parkway to the intersection of State Street and Chambers Street in the City of Hemet. Two mines are located within 1.5 miles of the eastern trail segment, and they may contain the mineral serpentine with Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA)¹.

Compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1403

Based on a review of the project description, SCAQMD staff found that asbestos may be encountered during grading and paving activities. Therefore, the Lead Agency should discuss and provide additional information to demonstrate compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities in the Final MND.

Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide SCAQMD staff with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact me at (909) 396-3308, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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¹ MND, Section 3.3, *Air Quality*, Page 56.