

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE HEARING OFFICER

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DATE ISSUED: February 20, 2025

HEARING DATE: February 25, 2025 AGENDA ITEM: 8

PROJECT NUMBER: 00-21-(5)

PERMIT NUMBER(S): Surface Mining Permit No. 201300002

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 5

PROJECT LOCATION: BP&L Road (Forest Service Road 4N32), Acton

OWNER: United States Government

APPLICANT: North Star Minerals, Inc.

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The above-identified item is a request for an amendment to the Reclamation Plan for SMP No. 00-21 for the existing Acton Clay Quarries in the W (Watershed) Zone.

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Attached are updated modified draft conditions to clarify that an updated Reclamation Plan schedule is required to be submitted within 60 days of the approval date. A full Reclamation Plan is not needed as no further changes to the Reclamation Plan are necessary beyond what has already been submitted. A copy of the modified draft conditions with the changes highlighted in red is attached, along with a clean set of modified draft conditions.

Also attached are the zoning map from 2013 at the time the application was deemed complete, and additional correspondence received by Staff in the time since the report to the Hearing Officer dated February 13, 2025 was provided to you.

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Report  
Reviewed By:   
Samuel Dea, Supervising Regional Planner

Report  
Approved By:   
Susan Tae, Assistant Deputy Director

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Attachments: Changes to Modified Draft Conditions, Updated Modified Draft Conditions, 2013 Zoning Map, Correspondence

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

## MODIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

## PROJECT NO. 00-21-(5)

## SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 201300002

Condition Nos. 8, 9, and 36 of Surface Mining Permit (SMP) No. 00-21 (approved by the Regional Planning Commission on June 19, 2002) are modified to read:

8. This grant will terminate December 31, 2029 unless earlier terminated by abandonment or a change of use or pursuant to the authority of the State of California Department of Conservation or other State agency. Final reclamation will begin upon termination of mining operations, or by December 31, 2029, whichever occurs first. Entitlement to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect. At least six (6) months prior to the expiration of this permit and in the event that the permittee intends to continue operations after such date, a new application for approval of an SMP shall be filed with the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("LA County Planning"). Termination of this grant without renewal does not relieve the permittee of the obligation to reclaim the surface mine as provided herein and in the approved reclamation plan. The Permittee shall submit an updated Reclamation Plan schedule, including ~~a schedule~~ for the beginning and completion of all reclamation activities, within 60 days of the date of approval of this grant to LA County Planning. The Reclamation Plan schedule shall be subject to review and approval by LA County Planning and LA County Department of Public Works.
9. The subject mine shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the Permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. No provision of any easement of any other encumbrance on the property shall exempt the Permittee and/or property owner from compliance with these conditions and applicable regulations. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The Permittee shall deposit with the County the sum \$2,205.00, which shall be placed in a performance fund and be used exclusively to reimburse LA County Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the Permittee's compliance with the conditions of this grant. The fund provides

**for five (5) inspections. Inspections may be unannounced and may be conducted utilizing any available technologies, including, but not limited to, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).**

**If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the Permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse LA County Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be \$441.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost established by LA County Planning at the time any additional inspections are required, whichever is greater.**

- 36. The facility is authorized to mine on a maximum of five (5) acres of open excavation at each of the two quarries at any given time, for a maximum of ten (10) acres of open excavation at any given time. Reclamation shall be Initiated on mined lands prior to uncovering new land to be mined.**

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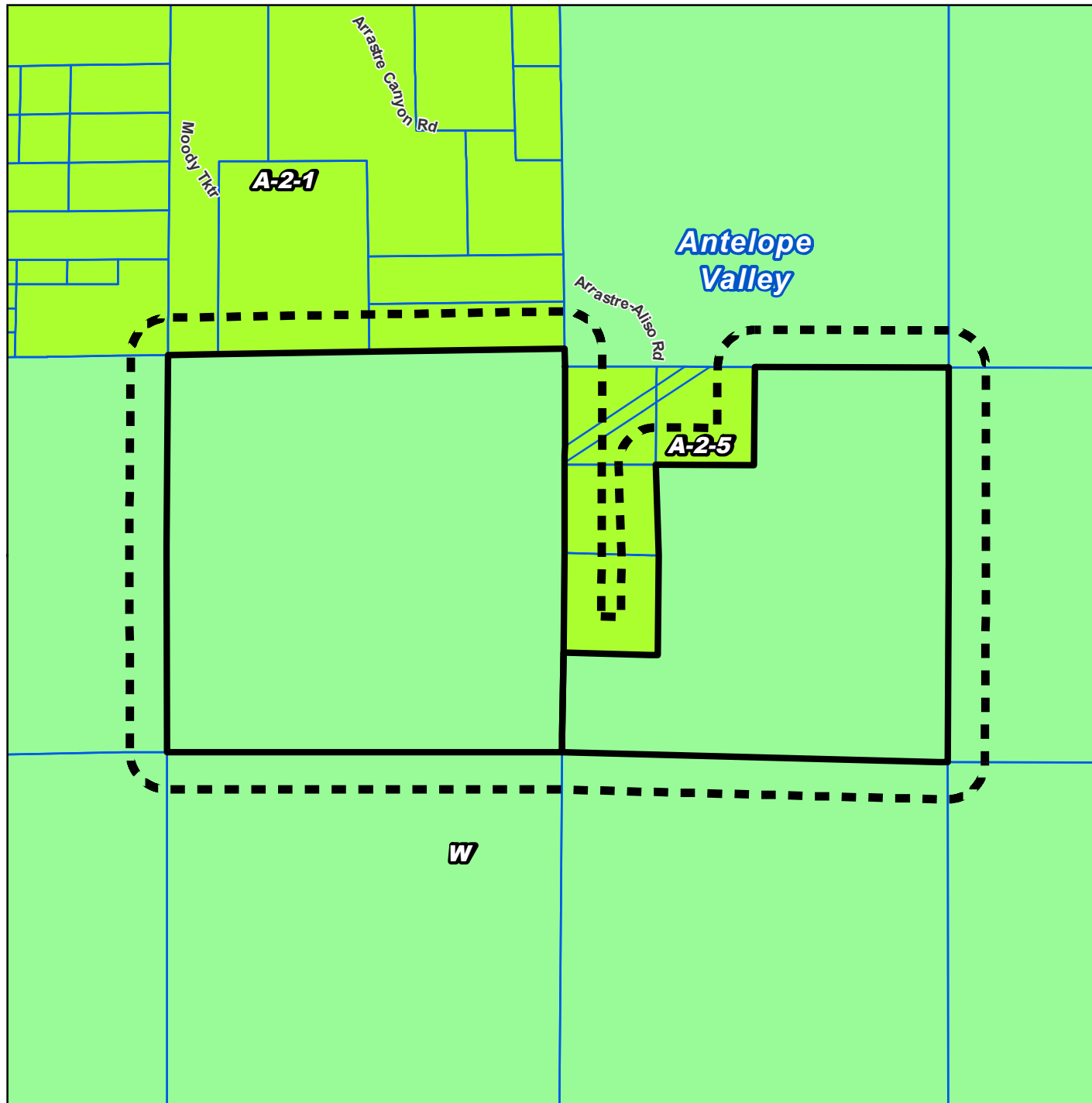
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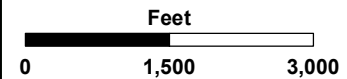
# ZONING

## 500-FOOT RADIUS MAP

PROJECT NO. 00-21

SMP RSM-201300002

- A-2 - Heavy Agricultural
- W - Watershed



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**From:** [kent Strumpell](#)  
**To:** [Richard Claghorn](#)  
**Cc:** [Dana Slomiak](#); [EJ Remson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Need better map, project No 00-21-(5)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 11:14:20 PM

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Thanks for the detailed citations, Craig. Much appreciated.

Kent

On Feb 19, 2025, at 4:10 PM, Richard Claghorn  
<[rclaghorn@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:rclaghorn@planning.lacounty.gov)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Strumpell,

You can find more information about the project here, including the hearing package:

<https://lacdrp.legistar.com/Page.aspx?M=M>

On page 96 of the hearing package it has a mitigation measure for water quality. It requires a SWPPP and NPDES. This mitigation measure was adopted as part of the SMP approval from 2002 and is enforced by the Department of Public Works. Separately, there are mitigation measures for water quality that were approved in 2008 as part of the USFS approval. These can be found on page 234 of the hearing package and are enforced by USFS. These mitigation measures would remain in effect for the project.

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**Cc:** Dana Slomiak <[dana.slomiak@tnc.org](mailto:dana.slomiak@tnc.org)>; EJ Remson <[eremson@tnc.org](mailto:eremson@tnc.org)>

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Hi Richard,

(copying Dana Slomiak with The Nature Conservancy)

Thanks for the photo showing the various boundaries. Looks like the operation is a little over a quarter mile away from our property. And I am aware of the existing mining operations in that area that have been ongoing for decades.

But I have a bigger concern regarding a nearby riparian area. It appears that the White Quarry, the subject of the recent hearing notice, is immediately adjacent to what I believe to be Moody Creek if I'm not mistaken, which flows into Arrastre Creek (which flows across our property) and then into the Santa Clara River about a couple miles southwest of the mine vicinity. Due to the close proximity of the proposed mining operation to this riparian corridor, I'd like to understand what precautions are required of the mine operator to prevent excessive sediment, tailings, contaminants, operational water, etc from getting into the adjacent creek area.

The Nature Conservancy owns property adjoining us to the southwest, hence my copying them, in case they weren't noticed.

Thanks again for your response,

Kent

> On Feb 19, 2025, at 2:00 PM, Richard Claghorn  
> <[rclaghorn@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:rclaghorn@planning.lacounty.gov)> wrote:

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> Hello Mr. Strumpell,

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> I've attached a map that shows the location of APN 3209-022-011 in relation to the Project Site. The Project Site includes two existing quarries, White Quarry and Gray Quarry. White Quarry is closer to APN 3209-022-011 than Gray Quarry. According to our measurement tool, it is approximately 2,205 feet from APN 3209-022-011 to White Quarry. A small part of Gray Quarry is visible in the aerial photo. It is located further south. Neither quarry is being expanded, but the footprint of



Gray Quarry was changed from what had previously been approved by the County. The proposed changes were approved by the US Forest Service in 2008 and 2014, and this permit would be to bring our approval into conformance with the prior USFS approvals. The Project Site includes APNs 3209-023-302 and 3058-018-300, but the combined area of the quarries is only about 24 acres of the site. Let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks.

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> Hello Mr. Claghorn,

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> I received notice of a public hearing regarding a surface mining operation for the above project, presumably near our property in the Antelope Valley Planning Area. I would like to get a better idea of the proximity of the proposed project to our property in Arrastre Canyon. I could not find a map with sufficient detail to provide that information, following the links in the notice.

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> Can you provide information to help me better understand the location of the project, preferably a scalable map showing the project location or one that includes the surrounding region?

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> Thanks,

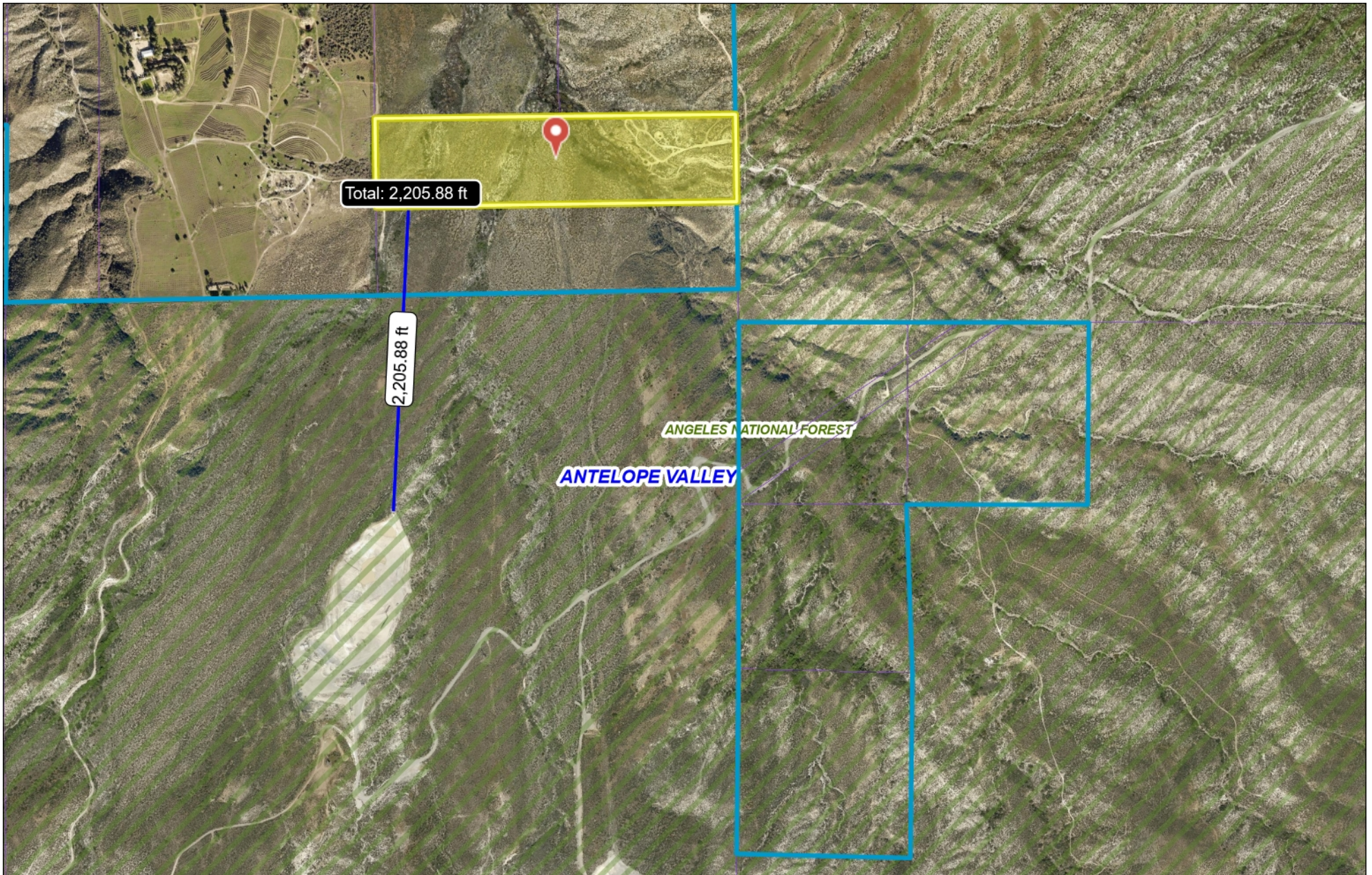
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> Kent Strumpell

> APN 3209-022-011

> 28900 Arrastre Cyn Rd. Acton 93510





Total: 2,205.88 ft

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

ANTELOPE VALLEY

0 484 969 Feet



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