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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Before the Chief of Planning in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

In the matter of the application of:

**CHEMICAL LIME COMPANY OF ARIZONA (NATIVIDAD QUARRY) (PLN250135)
RESOLUTION NO. 25-043**

Resolution by the County of Monterey Chief of
Planning:

- 1) Finding that the project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2; and
- 2) Approving a fifty-year permit extension to a previously approved Use Permit (No. 2970; HCD-Planning File No. PC04745) that allowed the removal of natural materials, including an expanded mining and processing operation [CA Mine ID #91-27-0005].

[PLN250135 Chemical Lime Company of Arizona, 407 Old Stage Rd, Salinas, CA 93908, Greater Salinas Area Plan (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 211-023-003-000, 211-031-016-000 & 211-031-019-000)]

The CHEMICAL LIME COMPANY OF ARIZONA (NATIVIDAD QUARRY) application (PLN250135) came on for an administrative hearing before the County of Monterey Chief of Planning on September 17, 2025. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the Chief of Planning finds and decides as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1983, a Use Permit (HCD-Planning File No. PC04745) was approved by the County of Monterey Planning Commission through Resolution No. 83-279. The approved Use Permit allowed for an expanded mining operation consisting of a processing plant for aggregate [CA Mine ID #91-27-0005]. In accordance with that resolution, the entitlement was set to expire on August 10, 2033;

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1983, an appeal was filed by neighboring properties claiming that they were not properly notified of the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on August 10, 1983. The reason for the appeal regarded the broadly written language of the conditions of approval. On September 20, 1983, the Board of Supervisors voted to set a hearing date to hear the appeal on October 11, 1983;

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1983, the Board of Supervisors voted to deny the appeal. The reason for the denial was that proper notice was given in the newspaper, the posting of the notice was on the project site, and notices were mailed to the neighbors on May 11, 1983. The County completed an Initial Study, which indicated that potentially significant impacts are mitigated by

implementation of the Reclamation Plan. All provisions of the Reclamation Plan were made conditions of approval for the Use Permit. Additionally, certain conditions were written broadly to account for mining timetables and market conditions. However, at the hearing, the Board voted to continue the hearing to October 18, 1983. At the continued hearing, the Board of Supervisors denied the appeal based on findings and evidence that the project was properly noticed to the public and impacts to the environment are addressed through the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration;

WHEREAS, consistent with Title 21 section 21.74.110, the applicant submitted a written request for an additional fifty-year permit extension on February 13, 2025, more than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the Use Permit. The written request for the extension was filed by the applicant's agent, Patrick Mitchell. The granting of this extension was requested due to the upcoming expiration date of the Use Permit, and the operation has not reached the maximum allowed yield that was approved in the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This fifty-year expiration will become effective on August 10, 2033, extending the term of the Use Permit to August 10, 2083;

WHEREAS, this extension does not change the previously approved Use Permit, and all findings previously made in the Planning Commission Resolution No. 83-279 continue to apply to this extension;

WHEREAS, Monterey County HCD-Planning and HCD-Building Services records were reviewed, and the County is not aware of any violations existing on subject property;

WHEREAS, the conditions of approval contained in Resolution No. 83-279 continue to apply, except that this extension modifies the expiration date of the Use Permit from August 10, 2033 to August 10, 2083;

WHEREAS, the extension is Categorically Exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15301, and none of the exceptions under Section 15300.2 apply. Section 15301 Categorically Exempts existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing or former use. This permit only extends the duration of the Use Permit (HCD-Planning File No. PC04745), without changing the mining operation's intensity or resulting in physical changes that would increase or change the mining operation's environmental impact. Therefore, this extension to the Use Permit is Categorically Exempt pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21 section 21.80.040.A, the discretionary decisions of the Chief of Planning are appealable to the Planning Commission. The decision of the Planning Commission would be final and may not be appealed.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based on the above recitals, the County of Monterey Chief of Planning does hereby:

- 1) Find that the project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2; and
- 2) Approve a fifty-year permit extension to a previously approved Use Permit (No. 2970; HCD-Planning File No. PC04745) that allowed the removal of natural materials, including an expanded mining and processing operation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September 2025.

Melanie Beretti, AICP,
HCD Chief of Planning

COPY OF THIS DECISION MAILED TO APPLICANT ON _____.

THIS APPLICATION IS APPEALABLE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. IF ANYONE WISHES TO APPEAL THIS DECISION, AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE ON OR BEFORE _____.

This decision, if this is the final administrative decision, is subject to judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1094.5 and 1094.6. Any Petition for Writ of Mandate must be filed with the Court no later than the 90th day following the date on which this decision becomes final.

NOTES

1. You will need a building permit and must comply with the Monterey County Building Ordinance in every respect.
2. Additionally, the Zoning Ordinance provides that no building permit shall be issued, nor any use conducted, otherwise than in accordance with the conditions and terms of the permit granted or until ten days after the mailing of notice of the granting of the permit by the appropriate authority, or after granting of the permit by the Board of Supervisors in the event of appeal.
3. Do not start any construction or occupy any building until you have obtained the necessary permits and use clearances from Monterey County HCD-Planning and HCD-Building Services Department office in Salinas.

County of Monterey HCD Planning

DRAFT Conditions of Approval/Implementation Plan/Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

PLN250135

1. PD002 - NOTICE PERMIT APPROVAL

Responsible Department: Planning

Condition/Mitigation The applicant shall record a Permit Approval Notice. This notice shall state:

Monitoring Measure: "A fifty-year permit extension to the expiration date of a previously approved (Resolution Number _____) was approved by the Chief of Planning for Assessor's Parcel Numbers 211-023-001-000, 211-023-003-000, 211-031-016-000 and 211-031-019-000 on September 17, 2025. The permit was granted subject to 1 condition of approval which runs with the land. A copy of the permit is on file with Monterey County HCD - Planning."

Proof of recordation of this notice shall be furnished to the Director of HCD - Planning prior to issuance of grading and building permits, Certificates of Compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable. (HCD - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Prior to the issuance of grading and building permits, certificates of compliance, or
Action to be commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable, the Owner/Applicant
Performed: shall provide proof of recordation of this notice to the HCD - Planning.