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Subject: [External] NCER Project: Hilltop Group; PDS 2008-3500-08-015
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I attended and participated in the Public Hearing on the subject project at the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting held on July 17, 2024, along with Vicente Gill, as a representative of the Montreux Community located near the project site.

Our understanding is that the project is now approved by the BOS according to the conditions in the document titled Form of Decision issued by PDS on February 5, 2021. I have read through this document and the Preliminary Grading and Improvement Plan mentioned in the Form of Decision as having been approved. I would like to make an observation relevant to one of the issues that we raised at the meeting on July 17, 2024 and in earlier correspondence. This issue is the crushing of blasted rock on the project site for use as fill and for expanding the roadway. The 5 drawings that describe the Preliminary Grading and Improvement Plan do not make any mention of the crushing of blasted rock on site. The Form of Decision dated February 5, states the following in section 54, shown below, and I am highlighting a part of it that is relevant to the crushing of blasted rock on site.

54.AIR QUALITY & GREENHOUSE GAS #6-OPERATIONAL FUGITIVE DUST EMISSIONS INTENT: In order to mitigate fugitive dust emissions during operations. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS: The construction contractor shall comply with the following Air Quality measures during operations: a. All equipment operating on the project site will be monitored to not exceed Number 1 on the Ringlemann Chart (20% opacity) as required by SDAPCD Rule 50. b. Operational activities related to crushing and grinding of material on site will not exceed 4,000 tons of material processed annual, or a maximum of 20 tons per day. ATTACHMENT C PDS2008-3500-08-015 -33- November 3, 2020 February 5, 2021 c. Material handling sources of fugitive dust will be visually monitored by the operator. The operator will be equipped with either truck mounted water apparatus or fixed fixture water source from which water will be misted into feedstock, or recyclable materials to limit fugitive dust. d. Process machinery source of fugitive dust will be visually monitored by the operator. Process machinery will be equipped with water misting system at source locations. Operators will monitor and apply water via a fixed misting system to limit fugitive dust. e. Product handling source of fugitive dust will be visually monitored by the operator. Stackers will be equipped with water misting system at source locations. Operators will monitor and apply water via a fixed misting system to limit fugitive dust. f. The process area will be maintained clean and clear of source material and any potential sources of fugitive dust will be minimized with a truck mounted water apparatus to bind potential fugitive dust sources. g. Storage areas will be monitored by the operator and any potential sources of fugitive dust will be minimized with a truck mounted water apparatus to bind potential fugitive dust sources. h. Potential sources of fugitive dust on unpaved travel surfaces will be minimized through treatment of recycled asphalt grindings. Unpaved travel surfaces will be monitored by the operator and any potential sources of fugitive dust will be minimized with a truck mounted water apparatus to bind potential fugitive dust sources DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall comply with the Air Quality requirements of this condition. TIMING: The following actions shall occur throughout the duration of project operations. MONITORING: The [DEH, LEA] shall make sure that the project operator complies with the Air Quality

requirements of this condition. The [DEH, LEA] shall contact the [PDS, PCC] if the applicant fails to comply with this condition.

Therefore, in Section 54, there is explicit wording that the Construction Contractor will not be allowed to grind more than 20 tons per day maximum, of blasted rock. This restriction is one of the conditions that we were asking for and are pleased to note that PDS and the BOS have already addressed this. As PDS and the BOS stated at the Public Hearing meeting on July 17, 2024, the conditions in the approval document (Form of Decision dated Feb 5, 2021) will prevail and additional conditions cannot be imposed. Therefore, the applicant can crush only 20 tons of blasted rock per day, maximum. We thank you for establishing this condition for site preparation and thus protecting the nearby community from exposure to large quantities of particulate matter from crushing operations, during site preparation. Please confirm that the community will be able to report a violation of this condition to the Enforcement Authorities in the County.

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