



## **FACT SHEET**

**“Sustainable development: Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”**

*–Bruntland Commission Report, written for the World Commission on Environment and Development*

### ***The Promise***

- California is preparing to embark upon a Strategic Growth Plan that will allocate \$105 billion to transportation.
- Thanks to Measure R and State Proposition 1B, Tulare County is preparing to launch a \$310 million road improvement project over the next 5 years.
- The demand for sand and gravel has tripled statewide because of these transportation initiatives that will make long-awaited and much-needed improvements to our state’s transportation system.

### ***The Problem***

- The new infrastructure projects will require 117 million tons of sand and gravel in Tulare County alone over the next 50 years. Tulare County only has 12 million tons of permitted materials available.
- Recent studies confirm that seven areas of California, including northern Tulare County, have less than a 10-year supply of aggregates. In fact, a key supplier in northern Tulare County, Kaweah River Rock, has less than a 2-year supply.
- The State of California has voiced concern about its ability to work in counties that do not have adequate sand and gravel supplies because of the impact this shortage will have on the cost of planned projects.
- Kaweah River Rock is the only large operation with a permit application in process in Tulare County. The timeline for any sand and gravel permit to be approved is about 10 years.
- If materials must be trucked in from out of the area, building costs and emissions will increase. Without permitted sources, it is likely that there will be no bidders on future road projects because of the shortage of materials.

## ***The Solution***

- Kaweah River Rock has produced one-third of all sand and gravel for building in Tulare County since it began in the 1960s.
- Kaweah River Rock has been working on its permit application with Tulare County leadership and local residents for 20 years. The permit application to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 1 adequately addresses all legitimate concerns regarding this project.
- Once the permit is approved, it will be 18 months at best before the new operation can be up and running.
- The new Kaweah River Rock project will be the cleanest possible source of aggregates because all of the equipment will be new, and will meet the very stringent “tier 3” emissions requirements set in place by the California Air Resources Board.
- Construction in Tulare County is a \$1 billion industry, creating jobs and supporting our quality of life. Construction cannot continue to be an economic engine without building materials.
- With adequate supplies of building materials, we can provide for future generations and leave them with our legacy of well-managed, well-planned and reliable infrastructure system.