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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

## **San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board Tightens Requirements on Cupertino Quarry and Cement Plant**

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**Oakland** - The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board (Board) adopted a permit today to control wastewater from a quarry and cement plant in Cupertino, which is operated by Lehigh Southwest Cement Company.

The permit tightens requirements on wastewater discharges from the quarry and plant, and is a critical step in restoring water quality in Permanente Creek.

Quarry and cement plant operations have significantly impaired water quality in the creek, which is known to contain too much selenium.

The Board also adopted a [Cease and Desist Order](#) to enforce permit compliance. These actions require major site reconfigurations and full treatment for selenium and other pollutants by October 2017. The Board is also developing additional actions to protect groundwater and revive the creek.

Hanson Permanente Cement, Inc. owns the property on which the quarry and plant are located.

For additional information on this issue is available on the [Board agenda](#).

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