California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-2300

NOTICE OF APPLICATION, OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Lehigh Southwest Cement Company and Hanson Permanente Cement, Inc., Permanente Plant 24001 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, Santa Clara County

The above discharger has filed an application for issuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The Board's staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The Board's staff has also prepared a tentative cease and desist order requiring actions to address foreseeable non-compliance with the tentative permit.

The discharger quarries limestone and stone at the Permanente Plant, and produces up to 11.5 million pounds of Portland cement per day, as well as construction aggregate. The discharger currently collects and manages wastewater and industrial stormwater through a system of berms, ditches, pipes, and ponds, which discharge to Permanente Creek, a fresh water stream tributary to San Francisco Bay. The discharger plans major changes to the Permanente Plant's wastewater treatment and controls to comply with the requirements of the tentative permit. The tentative cease and desist order establishes interim requirements, including tasks and time schedules, for the discharger to comply with the tentative permit.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative permit and tentative cease and desist order is 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2013. Comments must be sent to the attention of John H Madigan. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit, tentative cease and desist order, or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered.

The Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit and tentative cease and desist order during a meeting to commence at **9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2014,** in the Auditorium of the Elihu Harris Building at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Board's actions on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections raised before the Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the tentative permit and tentative cease and desist order may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, tentative cease and desist order, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact John H Madigan at (510) 622-2405, or by e-mail at JMadigan@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions.