



SAN MATEO COUNTY BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 10600
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Dear Chair Wasserman and Commissioners:

On behalf of the 14,000 men and women of the San Mateo County Building and Construction Trades Council, I am writing to express our strong support for the Lehigh Hanson Sand Harvesting application currently under review by the Commission.

This sand is a critical component for our local economy. It is used in thousands of construction activities/projects throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area. The list of new or restorative projects that rely on this sand - whether private development, public works or even environmental restoration - is numerous

To mention just a few benefits - locally harvested sand reduces project costs. It keeps our environment cleaner as it minimizes the need to ship or truck sand from faraway places. These operations sustain a middle class workforce that makes the bay area an affordable area for our members to live and raise a family.

This sand is a critical and very much needed public benefit. The demand for this sand, and the construction products that are created with this sand, will not change. But changing the source of this sand will have a negative impact on jobs, the environment and the local economy.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed and certified by the California Lands Commission on a 3-0 vote (Lt Governor Newsom, Controller Chaing, and the Department of Finance Director). The EIR demonstrated that a majority of the potential environmental impacts were less than significant and for those that were significant, they will be fully mitigated.

We respectfully urge that you approve the application from Lehigh Hanson for continued sand harvesting in the Bay.

Sincerely,

William Nack
Business Manager