



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Agenda Item # 13**

**AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** August 24, 2021

**Subject:** Formation of a City Council Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee

**Prepared by:** Andrea Chelemengos, City Clerk

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**Approved by:** Gabe Engeland, City Manager

**Attachment(s):**

None

**Initiated by:** City Council

**Previous Council Consideration:**

None

**Fiscal Impact:**

Undetermined

**Environmental Review:**

This request for appointment of a City Council Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee and direction of the City Council to the Subcommittee is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and 15306 (Information Gathering) in that the proposed activity is intended solely for purposes of information gathering and to consider resident concerns. Actions of the Subcommittee may lead in the future to the formulation of environmental policies by the City of Los Altos, but at this time the City is not adopting, approving, or funding any activity with the potential to result in significant environmental effects, and none of the circumstances described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.

**Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:**

- Shall the City Council appoint a subcommittee for the Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry issue?
- If yes, which members of the Los Altos City Council shall be appointed to serve on this subcommittee?
- If yes, what shall be the role or scope of the City Council Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee?

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City Manager

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**Reviewed By:**

City Attorney

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Finance Director

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**Summary:**

This item has been agendaized at the request of the City Council. It will allow the City Council an opportunity to discuss the formation a Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee which can be composed of no more than two of its members.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Discuss the topic and determine if the creation of a subcommittee is appropriate, and if so, which two Council Members shall serve on the subcommittee.

**Purpose:**

The purpose and scope of the City Council Subcommittee shall be determined by Council.

**Background:**

At its June 8,2021 meeting, the City Council discussed Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry and potential ways to address environmental issues and resident concerns raised relative to quarry expansion, air and water safety, impacts to Permanente Creek, the silos, the face, waste material storage, construction projects on the site, traffic and road impacts, and impacts of industrial uses of the sites. Council indicated an interest in and formation of a City Council Subcommittee to work on identifying impacts and potential solutions or recommendations to bring to the Council.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

The City Council is being asked to appoint a City Council Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee having no more than two members and provide direction to the Subcommittee on its role and scope.

**Options**

- 1) Option #1 Appoint two members to a City Council Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee and provide direction on the role and scope of the subcommittee.

Advantages: Will assist in identifying and addressing concerns and impacts of the Lehigh Quarry.

Disadvantages: None identified.



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2) Option #2 Decline to appoint a City Council Lehigh Hansen Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee

Advantages: None

Disadvantages: Missed opportunity to address, avoid, and minimize potential adverse community and environmental impacts.

**Recommendation:**

The Staff recommends the City Council discuss and determine if the creation of a subcommittee is appropriate.