

#### **Board of Directors**

# Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for CRA Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Item 7-2 February 13, 2023

#### **Current Action**

- CRA Master Reclamation Plan for Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) Compliance
  - Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
  - Approve Master Reclamation Plan
  - No funds required

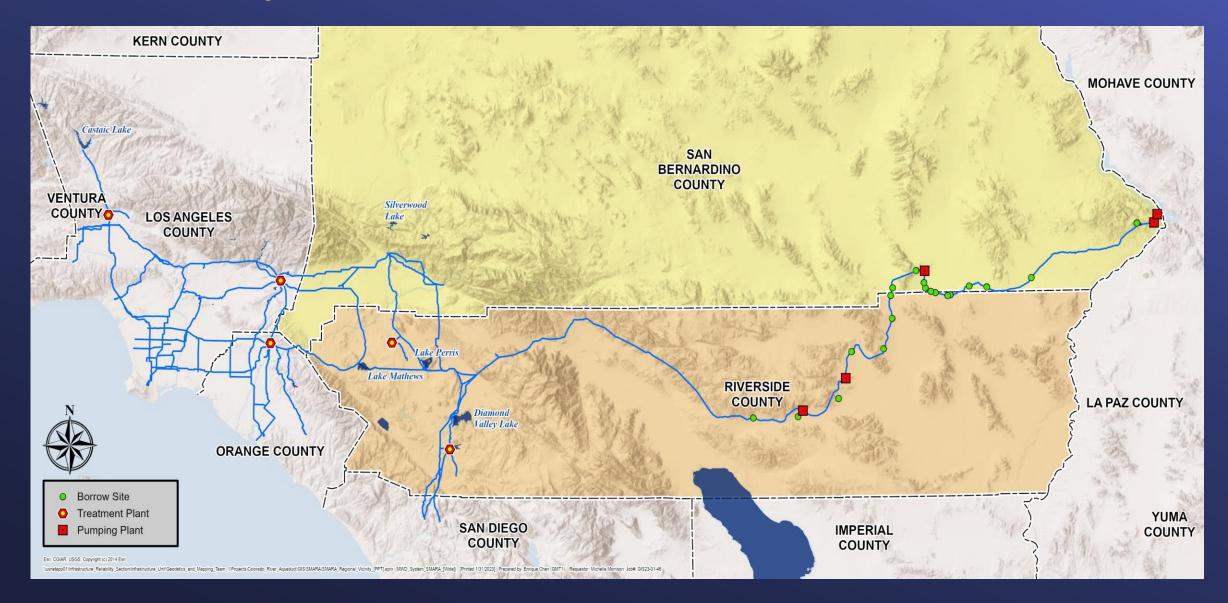




## Background

- Notification of SMARA Compliance Action
- SMARA Legislation Assembly Bill 442
  - Prepare Master Reclamation Plan
  - CEQA Documentation
  - State Mining & Geology Board Lead Agency
    - Compliance inspections
    - Annual reporting
    - Fees

## **Distribution System**



## Adopt MND for Master Reclamation Plan

- Evaluated activities
  - Remove debris
  - Stabilize slopes
  - Install stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)
  - Revegetate
  - Monitor
- One potentially significant impact category
  - Biological resources
- All impacts less than significant with mitigation

#### **Approve Master Reclamation Plan**

- Complies with SMARA
  - Prevents environmental effects
  - Ensures public health & safety
- Continued CRA O&M activities
  - As needed borrow site material
  - Use for 100 years
- State Mining & Geology Board approval of Master Reclamation Plan

### **Board Options**

- Option #1
  - Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colorado River Aqueduct Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and take related CEQA actions, and approve the Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernadino and Riverside Counties.
- Option #2
  - Do not adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colorado River Aqueduct Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and take related CEQA actions, or approve the Master Reclamation Plan at this time.

#### Staff Recommendation

• Option #1

