

# Good News! There is NO Aggregate Shortage after all!



## TRUTH UPDATE #1

### Aggregate Shortage?

In a paid advertising supplement from Sunday, July 26, 2009, Granite Construction states that: "The region has only 17% of the permitted reserves needed, for the next 50 years." **Not accurate! Consider the following:**

- The Aggregate Reserve Study only considers quarry reserves based on the "permitted life" of the quarry site. Many quarries can apply to have their operational life extended (and most likely will since that is the business they are in).
- The most recently conducted State of California's Department of Conservation Aggregate Reserve Study is now more than three (3) years old and no longer represents current demand for aggregate.
- The Aggregate Reserve Study numbers do not include aggregate which is currently being brought into California via ship or barge from Canada.
- The state-wide Aggregate Reserve Study ONLY considers reserves at fixed quarry locations. "Portable" quarry locations, which provide hundreds of thousands of tons of aggregate are not included in the Aggregate Reserve Study numbers.

- Granite Construction's Rosemary's Mountain Quarry is not included in the State of California's Department of Conservation Aggregate Reserve Study. Even now (August 2009) Granite Construction's fully permitted Rosemary's Mountain Quarry is not even shown as one of Granite's "Aggregate Facilities" on their own website.
- Riverside County has over fifty (50) active quarries, more than any other County in the State of California.
- Riverside County is an exporter of aggregate to counties such as: San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles.
- There is now more and more recycling being done and required. The material gained from recycling does not show up in the available material.

**So, is there a real shortage?**