

construction & aggregates

in Santa Clara County



Building Santa Clara County's Foundation for the Future

All Public Infrastructure Requires Aggregates

- Santa Clara County's aggregates industry supplies sand, gravel, and crushed stone for local construction. Millions of tons of aggregates are required to build and maintain our infrastructure: roads, highways, homes, buildings, schools, parks, public works, recreation areas, and many other facilities. Having an available supply of local aggregates is an asset that benefits our communities.
- Investing in infrastructure improves quality of life, sustains a strong economy, and preserves Silicon Valley's leadership as the pre-eminent high tech region.

Economic Impacts & Significant Findings

- The total combined annual impact of the construction and aggregate industries in Santa Clara County is **\$12.5 billion**.
- The direct and indirect economic impacts from the construction and aggregate industries generate nearly **95,000 jobs** and **\$5.4 billion of labor income**.
- Aggregates and construction has a **2.2 multiplier** effect, one of the highest of any industry.
- The aggregate industry's average wage is **\$71,200**, compared to an average income of \$66,000 for all industries in Santa Clara County.
- **Increased population and infrastructure needs go hand-in-hand.** In < 25 years, Santa Clara County is projected to lead the Bay Area in population and job growth. Providing the necessary infrastructure requires access to millions of tons of aggregates.
- Local aggregate supplies **reduce costs** to taxpayers, home buyers, consumers, and to the environment.
- Ensuring that local aggregates are available and accessible is **crucial for maintaining Santa Clara County's long-term sustainability**, economic competitiveness, and community livability.



Local aggregates are a valuable community resource. Access to supplies needs to be included in the planning process.

With long-term planning today...

We can protect a \$12.5 billion industry, ensuring that Santa Clara County has a local supply of high quality building materials for tomorrow.