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**Director Of Community Relations  
Hired For Granite Construction Co.**

***Karie Strawn Joins the Granite Construction Company Team***

**Temecula:** Granite Construction announced today that it has hired Karie Strawn as its new Director of Community Relations for Granite Construction Company's expansion efforts in Southwest Riverside County.

"We are very proud to have Karie Strawn join our team here at Granite Construction," said Gary W. Johnson, Granite's Southern California Branch Aggregate Resource Manager. "Granite has made a significant commitment to this area and intends to be an active, involved corporate citizen for many years to come. Karie's presence in the Temecula Valley will help us in our efforts to understand local issues as well as educate the community about Liberty Quarry. We anticipate that we will be hiring many more people in the Southwestern California area in the coming years."

Karie Strawn has been the Field Representative for State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (R-Murrieta) in his Temecula District Office, and previously worked in public relations with a division of Proctor and Gamble. A local resident for six years, Karie's daughters attend schools in the Temecula Valley Unified School District, and her parents also live in the area.

"I have enjoyed my time with Senator Hollingsworth and have learned a lot about public policy, as well as the tremendous needs for transportation, infrastructure, and resource

development,” said Karie. “I have also had the opportunity to be involved with many wonderful organizations and people here in Southwest Riverside County through his office. I look forward to maintaining these relationships and increasing my personal involvement with these issues, and within the community on behalf of Granite Construction. I am very excited to have this opportunity with the Liberty Quarry project.”

Liberty Quarry is a proposed 155-acre rock quarry located in Southwest Riverside County at the San Diego County line. It is expected to generate over 270 million tons of high-quality granite rock, ideal for making concrete and asphalt materials. Liberty Quarry’s remote location will make it virtually impossible to be seen or heard by the Temecula Valley and surrounding population centers, and is expected to reduce truck traffic on highways and freeways in Temecula, Murrieta, and Lake Elsinore. It is currently working its way through the environmental review process in Riverside County.

Granite Construction has been listed in Fortune Magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For and also their Most Admired Companies list. Granite Construction Company is one of the largest heavy civil contractors in the United States, and is a leading producer of construction materials. Founded in 1922, Granite holds the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest general contractors license in California. Based in Watsonville, Granite’s Southern California branch is located in Indio and employs over 300 people throughout Riverside County.

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