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**JGFDS-PR-238 STATEMENT ON CALPORTLAND CEMENT LAYOFFS
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SUPERVISOR GONZALES RESPONDS TO LAYOFF OF 94 CALIFORNIA PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY EMPLOYEES AT COLTON PLANT

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales issued the following statement today regarding California Portland Cement Company’s layoff of 94 employees who have worked at its Colton cement plant.

“My heart goes out to the 94 CalPortland Cement employees and their families who received this devastating news today,” Gonzales said. “I hurt for the loss of their jobs as if they are one of my own. I want them to know that the County’s job placement resources are available to them.”

After California Portland Cement Company announced its layoffs this morning, County Workforce Development Department’s Rapid Response Services Team began working with the company to ensure its employees are connected to the County’s services.

Workforce Development offers career counseling at its Employment Resource Centers, which includes assistance with resume writing, interview skills and job placement.

“CalPortland Cement’s curtailing of operations in Colton is another negative economic impact to our region,” Gonzales said. “The Colton plant has provided good-paying jobs to residents of Colton and the surrounding cities for more than 100 years. The company has also been a strong supporter of the community, making hundreds of thousands of dollars in charitable contributions to non-profit groups.

“I will strongly support the company’s efforts to re-open the plant and encourage the employees to avail themselves of the County’s services.”

To locate the Employment Resource Center closest to your home, please call 800-451-JOBS or visit Workforce Development’s web site at www.csb-win.org.

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