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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR FRESNO CITY COLLEGE PARKING  
AND FACILITIES EXPANSION PROJECT – DATED OCTOBER 3, 2019  
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2019049076)

Dear Mr. Cummings:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Fresno City College (FCC) Parking and Facilities Expansion Project.

The proposed project includes the development of new parking, educational, and administrative facilities at FCC in the City of Fresno. The proposed facilities would be located partially within the boundaries of the existing campus and partially on neighboring parcels. The project site is generally located on the west side of Blackstone Avenue between Cambridge Avenue and University Avenue. The site encompasses approximately 11.0 acres of land on the northeast portion of the existing FCC campus plus seven additional parcels (2.16 acres) located adjacent to the existing FCC campus boundaries.

DTSC recommends the following issues be evaluated prior to development of the site:

1. The Mitigated Negative Declaration should acknowledge the potential for the project site to have resulted in the release of hazardous wastes/substances. In instances in which releases have occurred, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. The Mitigated Negative Declaration should also identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight.
2. If the project requires importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that imported soil is free of

contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 *Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material* ([https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP\\_FS\\_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf)).

3. If the site and/or surrounding areas have been used for agricultural activities, proper investigation for arsenic, other metals, and organochlorinated pesticides should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2008 *Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties* (Third Revision) (<https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Ag-Guidance-Rev-3-August-7-2008-2.pdf>). In addition, sampling should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 *Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers* ([https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Guidance\\_Lead Contamination\\_050118.pdf](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Guidance_Lead Contamination_050118.pdf)).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please submit a request for Lead Agency Oversight Application, which can be found at: [https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/VCP\\_App-1460.doc](https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/VCP_App-1460.doc). Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at [Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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