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DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, CRESCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT, EAST PANAMA LANE AND COTTONWOOD ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, KERN COUNTY (SCH #2019109098)

Dear Ms. Brauer:

The Northern California Schools Unit of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Crescent Elementary School Project (Project) proposed by the Greenfield Union School District (District). The due date to submit comments is November 29, 2019.

As reported in the IS/MND, the District is proposing to construct and operate an elementary school at East Panama Lane and Cottonwood Road within the unincorporated area of central Kern County at the southern end of San Joaquin Valley, California (Site). The elementary school campus will occupy approximately 23 acres of the Project site. There will be multiple buildings with an approximate area totaling almost 74,000 square feet. The school will be completed in phases. The first phase will include the construction of an administrative building, a cafeteria/multipurpose room, and 31 classrooms. The initial enrollment capacity will be 750 students with a potential to expand and accommodate up to 1,080 students. Approximately 52 staff parking spaces and 100 visitor parking spaces will be provided. The Site will be primarily accessed from Panama Lane on the northern Project boundary.

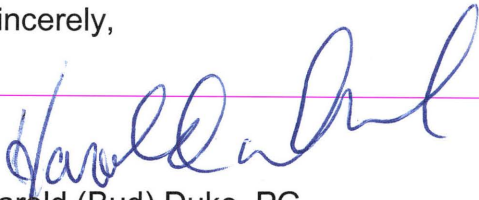
Based on a review of the draft IS/MND, DTSC would like to provide the following comment:

1. Reference is made in Section 3.4.9 (Hazards and Hazardous Materials) of the draft IS/MND to the *Update of Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report* (Update of PEA Report, Soils Engineering, Inc., July 2, 2019). DTSC issued an approval of the Update of PEA Report with a determination of No Action required on July 19, 2019. DTSC recommends Section 3.4.9 of the draft IS/MND be revised to include a reference to DTSC's approval of the Update of PEA Report.

DTSC is also administering the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program, which provides revolving loans to investigate and clean up hazardous materials at properties where redevelopment is likely to have a beneficial impact to a community. These loans are available to developers, businesses, schools, and local governments.

For additional information on DTSC's Schools process or RLF Program, please visit DTSC's web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (916) 255-3695, or via email at Bud.Duke@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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