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INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS GREENWOOD CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – DATED DECEMBER 2019 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2019129092)

Dear Mr. Millsap:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the California Conservation Corps Greenwood Center Redevelopment Project.

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is proposing to demolish a majority of the existing CCC Greenwood Center and construct an updated facility that would be consistent with the new CCC Master Plan concept. The proposed project would include the demolition of 11 buildings totaling 34,591 square feet (sf) that currently occupy the site and the development of 11 new buildings totaling 54,732 sf. Off-site access and circulation will remain the same as under existing conditions. The internal circulation of the project site will be improved with new asphalt and concrete paving. Five surface parking lots with a total of 111 parking stalls will be provided. Infrastructure improvements at the project site will include the installation of utilities (water, sewer, and, power) and a site drainage/stormwater collection system.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the MND, Hazards and Hazardous Materials section:

 The MND should acknowledge the potential for project site activities to result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances. In instances in which releases may occur, 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 MND should also identify the mechanism(s) to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the

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government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight.

- 2. If any sites within the project area or sites located within the vicinity of the project have been used or are suspected of having been used for mining activities, proper investigation for mine waste should be discussed in the MND. DTSC recommends that any project sites with current and/or former mining operations onsite or in the project site area should be evaluated for mine waste according to DTSC's 1998 Abandoned Mine Land Mines Preliminary Assessment Handbook (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/11/aml_handbook.pdf).
- 3. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings 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).
- 4. If any projects initiated as part of the proposed project require the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material (<u>https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-</u> content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf).
- If any sites included as part of the proposed project have been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the MND. DTSC recommends the current and former agricultural lands be evaluated in accordance with DTSC's 2008 Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties (Third Revision) (<u>https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-</u> content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Ag-Guidance-Rev-3-August-7-2008-2.pdf).

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

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at <u>Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov</u>.

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