

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Project Title: Roosevelt Elementary School Reconstruction Removal Action Workplan

Project Location: 1600 East Vermont Avenue, Anaheim, 92805

County: Orange

Project Applicant: Anaheim Elementary School District

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Removal Action Workplan

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.8

Project Description: The project involves the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 6,000 cubic yards (CY) of soil containing elevated concentrations of metals (arsenic, copper, lead, and mercury) at the Roosevelt Elementary School (Site). Approximately 500 cubic yards of soil and waste material have been excavated and stockpiled onsite. The excavated areas will be backfilled with clean imported soil. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) determined that excavation of contaminated soil is required to address elevated concentrations of metals detected in soil at the Site. This determination was based upon the findings of the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) which included sample results from the Site and selection of the appropriate remedial measures to address the onsite contamination. DTSC approved the RAW, dated November 22, 2019 RAW, prepared by Leighton Consulting, Inc., pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, Title 22, Chapter 6.8.

Background: The approximate 5-acre, rectangular-shaped Site is located on the south side of East Vermont Street between South East Street and South State College Boulevard. Anaheim Elementary School District (AESD) is in the process of constructing a new elementary school campus at the Site of the previously operating Roosevelt Elementary School. The approximate southern 0.5-acre of the Site was located within the limits of a City of Anaheim landfill that operated from at least 1906 until approximately the mid-1930s. The landfill accepted primarily general household waste consisting of daily refuse, paper products, auto parts, hot water heaters, steel cables, old horseshoes, and shot gun shells. Upon closure in the 1930s, a portion of the landfill property (redeveloped in 1958 as the present day Boysen Park) operated as a public rifle range until the early 1940s.

The AESD is replacing the previous elementary school structures with two new permanent buildings with 38 classrooms. The school site will also include a reorganization and expansion of the parking lot, relocation of the bus and parent drop-off areas, creation of an outdoor learning areas, resurfacing of the paly courts and relocation of the kinder-play area. The AESD filed a Notice of Exemption with Orange County Clerk- Recorder for the reconstruction project on March 9, 2018 (Sections 15301, 15302, 15314, 15330 and 15300.2).

To assess the impacts from historical usage, the Site soil was evaluated for organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) and metals from historic agricultural use and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), volatile organic compounds, metals, and polycyclic Biphenyls (PCBs) associated with the undocumented landfill material. Investigations were conducted at the Site in 2019 and are documented in a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Report. The PEA identified the presence of arsenic, copper, mercury, and lead in soil at concentrations above applicable residential screening levels.

Anaheim Elementary School District and DTSC entered into a Standard Voluntary Agreement (Docket Number HSA-FY19/20-014) dated September 4, 2019, to determine the nature and extent of any release of hazardous waste constituents at the Site and conduct cleanup of soil, as necessary to protect human health and the environment. The Site is planned as a future school.

Project Activities: The project activities consist of excavation, and off-site disposal activities for approximately 6,000 CY of soil containing elevated concentrations of metals (arsenic, copper, mercury, and lead). Excavated soil will be direct loaded into waste transport trucks or soil bins, or stockpiled onsite and segregated for offsite disposal at appropriately licensed offsite facilities permitted to accept the waste. Approximately, 410 truckloads (20 trucks per day, total 450 truck trips) of impacted soil will be removed from the Site. Confirmation soil samples will be collected from the excavated areas and compared with the Cleanup Goals (CGs). If needed, additional soil will be excavated until the CGs are met. The activities will be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, ordinances and requirements, including implementation of South Coast Area Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1466 during excavation of soils.

The RAW will be implemented in approximately 25 days during the second or third quarter of 2020. Specific enforceable environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures will be made a condition of project approval to ensure that impacts to the environment are less than significant. Dust control measures and monitoring activities will be implemented at the Site.

In the event biological, cultural or historical resources are discovered in the course of project activities, work will be suspended while a qualified biologist, cultural or historical specialist assesses the area and arrangements are made to protect or preserve any resources that are discovered. If human remains are discovered, no further disturbance will occur in the location where the remains are found, and the County Coroner will be notified pursuant to Health and Safety Code Chapter 2, Section 7050.5.

An analysis of project activities upon existing environmental conditions indicates that implementation of environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures are enforceable and made a condition of project approval and will ensure that impacts to the environment will be less than significant.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Anaheim Elementary School District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: [Section 15330, Class 30]

Exemption Title: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. The project is a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or hazardous substances.
2. The project will not exceed \$1 million in cost.
3. The project will be consistent with applicable State and local environmental permitting requirements.
4. The project does not involve the onsite use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit.
5. The project does not involve the relocation of residences or businesses.
6. The project does not involve the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25123. (Exception: Small-scale in situ soil vapor extraction and treatment systems which have been permitted by the local Air Pollution Control District or Air Quality Management District.)
7. The exceptions pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 have been addressed as follows:
 - a. Cumulative Impact. The project will not result in cumulative impacts because it is designed to be a short-term final remedy that would not lead to a succession of projects of the same type in the same place over time.
 - b. Significant Effect. The environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures that are enforceable and made a condition of project approval will prevent unusual circumstances from occurring so that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 - c. Scenic Highways. The project will not damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, because it is not located within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
 - d. Hazardous Waste Sites. The project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. (<http://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/default.htm>)

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Additional project information is available on EnviroStor: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

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