



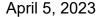
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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SHADE CANYON SCHOOL PROJECT – DATED MARCH 8, 2023 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2023030238)

Dear Ms. Vogel Chinnock:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Shade Canyon School Project (Project). The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because the Project includes one or more of the following: groundbreaking activities, presence of site buildings that may require demolition or modifications, importation of backfill soil, and/or work on or in close proximity to an agricultural or former agricultural site.

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

- A State of California environmental regulatory agency such as DTSC, a
 Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), or a local agency that meets
 the requirements of <u>Health and Safety Code section 101480</u> should provide
 regulatory concurrence that the Project site is safe for construction and the
 proposed use.
- The MND should acknowledge the potential for historic or future activities on or near the project site to result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances on the project site. In instances in which releases have occurred or may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the

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- 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 government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight.
- 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.
- 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 <u>Information</u> <u>Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material</u>.
- 5. 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 <u>Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties (Third Revision).</u>

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND. Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please visit DTSC's <u>Site Mitigation and Restoration Program</u> page to apply for lead agency oversight. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at <u>DTSC's Brownfield website</u>.

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

Sincerely,

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