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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR BELCARO AT SAND CANYON
PROJECT DATED JULY 6, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2025061338](#)

Dear Andy Olson,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Belcaro at Sand Canyon Project (Project). The Project consists of the development of 341 age-restricted, detached single-family homes; an approximately 3.1-acre recreation center; public and private hiking trails; a trailhead, emergency staging area, and firefighting HeloPod; and associated infrastructure improvements, including, without limitation, a railroad undercrossing, a bridge connecting the project to Lost Canyon Road, and J Street, which connects to Robinson Ranch Road.

According to the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment conducted by Stantec, “elevated concentrations of arsenic above the cleanup standard have been reported in the vicinity of the former railroad easement near the west edge of the Subject Property present on the Project site. Stantec has recommended a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and a Soil Management Plan (SMP), to address the potential for any unrecognized or previously unidentified impacted soil that may be encountered during any future earth

moving activities. DTSC concurs with Stantec and recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. Since the proposed Project includes residential development, DTSC recommends that the City of Santa Clarita enter into a voluntary agreement to address any existing contamination on the property or receive oversight from a [self-certified local agency](#), DTSC, or the Regional Water Quality Control Board. If entering into one of DTSC's voluntary agreements, please note DTSC uses a single standard Request for Lead Agency Oversight Application for all agreement types. Please apply for DTSC oversight using this link: [Request for Agency Oversight Application](#). Submittal of the online application includes an agreement to pay costs incurred during agreement preparation. If you have any questions about the application portal, please contact the relevant [Regional Brownfield Coordinator](#) for your Project.
2. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all contaminants of concern (COCs) meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing soil/fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil/fill material, there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material is suitable for the intended land use. The sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for Belcaro at Sand Canyon Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [the CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

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