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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR MAYFAIR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AUGUST 14, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2025080637

Dear Patrick Turner,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Mayfair Middle/High School Athletic Fields Improvement Project (Project). The Project includes a replacement of several athletic facilities including track and field, baseball field, softball field, bleachers, restroom and concession building, and the ticket booths. Additional Project proponents are construction of a new 311-space parking lot, replacement of a surface drainage channel with a double box culvert, and installation of new field lights for the track/football/soccer field. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If the district plans to use California Department of Education (CDE) State funds for the Project, then the district shall comply with the requirements of Education Code (EDC), §17210, §17213.1, and §17213.2, unless otherwise specifically exempted under section §17268. If the district is not using CDE State funds for the Project, or is otherwise specifically exempt under section

§17268, DTSC recommends the district continue to investigate, clean up the Site under the oversight of Los Angeles County and in concurrence with all applicable DTSC guidance documents, if necessary. For more information on the CDE State funding, please visit the Office of Public-School Construction webpage. A local education agency may also voluntarily request the CDE site/plan approval for locally funded site acquisitions and new construction projects. In these cases, CDE will require DTSC to review and approve prior to its final approval, except when exempt under section 17268.

2. 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 Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) Guidance Manual.
3. All imported soil/fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual. Additionally, DTSC advises referencing the DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet if importing 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 are suitable for the intended land use. The soil 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 MND for the Mayfair Middle/High School Athletic Fields Improvement Project. If you have any questions or would like

clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via our CEQA Review email for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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