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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL FIELD RENOVATION, LIGHTING
IMPROVEMENT, AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2025,
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2025090918](#)

Dear Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Mira Costa High School Field Renovation, Lighting Improvement, And Facilities Master Plan (Project). The proposed Project would replace existing field lights at the Waller Football Stadium in the northeast quadrant of the campus; install new field lights at the West Field in the northwest quadrant of the campus; and install new field lights on the softball/baseball fields in the southwest quadrant of the campus. The Project would also include the installation of two new e bike parking area, and improvements identified in the District's Mira Costa High School Facilities Master Plan, which includes demolition, new construction, modernization, and renovation of buildings and facilities on campus. 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. 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 reserves the right to comment on any future circulated documents related to this Project based on our review or proposed or incorporated changes, measures, or project features. DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the Mira Costa High School Field Renovation, Lighting Improvement, And Facilities Master Plan. If you would like to proceed with DTSC's school environmental review process, please visit [DTSC's Evaluating & Clean-up School 3-Step Process to begin a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment](#). If you have any questions or would like clarification on

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DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via our [CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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