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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FULLERTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW ATHLETIC BUILDING PROJECT DATED APRIL 1, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2026040094](#)

Dear Vince Madsen,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Fullerton Union High School Field Improvements and New Athletic Building Project (Project). The proposed Project includes three primary components: construction of a new athletic building, a restroom building, and improvements to the varsity and junior varsity softball fields and the baseball field. The athletic building would be a two-story, approximately 33,270-square-foot facility with locker rooms, team rooms, training and support spaces on the first floor and classrooms, offices, and activity spaces on the second floor. Construction would require demolition of a portion of the northern parking lot, five tennis courts, and landscaped areas, including removal of four trees, and would include new landscaping, fencing, lighting, bike racks, and other site improvements. A new one-story restroom building would be constructed within the Agri-Science Academy area, and the northern parking lot would be reconstructed to include EV charging spaces, ADA spaces, a new

driveway, bicycle parking, and improved pedestrian walkways. The project would also install 16 sports field light poles to allow evening practices and would be constructed in one phase between July 2026 and February 2028 with onsite staging and worker parking. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If Fullerton Joint Union High School District (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 [§17268](#). If the District is not using CDE State funds for the Project, or is otherwise specifically exempt under [§17268](#), DTSC recommends the District continue to investigate, clean up the Site under the oversight of Orange 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. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all COCs meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, 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

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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 would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Fullerton Union High School Field Improvements and New Athletic Building 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 our [CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Kereazis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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