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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SUNNY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DATED MARCH 30, 2026, STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2026031295](#)

Dear Vince Madsen,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative the Sunny Hills High School Field Improvements Project (Project). The proposed Project would remove existing landscape/artificial turf, concrete pavement, the curb surrounding the track and field, asphalt pavement north of the track, additional landscaping and curbs, and various track and field equipment including the scoreboard, bleachers, goal posts, discus cage, long jump areas, and shot-put area. The proposed Project would also remove the existing storage building, storm drain system and catch basin, and fencing and gates, and would relocate the batting cages on the site. Following demolition, the proposed project would install a synthetic track and synthetic turf field. As part of these improvements, the proposed project would include installation of a subsurface stormwater infiltration system. The district would install permanent bleachers at the practice track and field to accommodate Sunny Hills High School students and spectators. The new bleachers would provide seating for approximately 1,843 people

and would be approximately 24 feet in height, placed on new concrete pavement. The proposed Project would also include a single-story, approximately 2,304-square-foot restroom and storage building that would include five storage rooms; staff, boys' and girls' restrooms; and mechanical, electrical, and custodial rooms. The proposed Project would install field lighting at the baseball and softball fields. The proposed Project would also install field lighting with a public address system and bleachers at the track and field. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If Fullerton Joint Union High School 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](#).

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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 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 Sunny Hills High School Field Improvements 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,



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