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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS DATED MAY 1, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2026050055](#)

Dear Chris Schiermeyer,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the San Lorenzo Valley High School Fields (Project). The Project would include the installation and operation of field lights and an upgraded PA system at the football, softball, and baseball fields. Additionally, the Project would replace the aging bleachers for all three fields, demolish the existing restroom and snack shack to construct a new restroom and snack shack between the softball and baseball fields, and construct two press boxes attached to the softball and baseball bleachers. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If the San Lorenzo Valley Unified 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 Plan or is otherwise specifically exempt under [§17268](#), DTSC recommends the District continue to investigate, clean up the Site

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under the oversight of Santa Cruz 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. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all 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 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 San Lorenzo Valley High School Fields 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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