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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CORDILLERAS ROAD MAJOR  
SUBDIVISION DATED MAY 12, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER  
[2026050477](#)

Dear Samuel Becker,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Cordilleras Road Major Subdivision (Project). The proposed Project is a General Plan Amendment, Major Subdivision, Grading Permit, and a Protected Tree Removal permit to subdivide a 1.8 -net-acre parcel into 5 parcels. The proposed subdivision requires an amendment to the General Plan designated density. Therefore, the Project proposes to amend the General Plan Designation from Low Density Residential to Medium-Low Density Residential. Site improvements, including installation of utilities and creation of a new private road required for the subdivision will result in 580 cubic yards of cut and 5 cubic yards of fill. The existing single-family development and accessory structures are proposed to be demolished. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. 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-

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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](#).

2. 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 Cordilleras Road Major Subdivision. 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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