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APPROVAL OF PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT, TEHAMA
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL AT 1511
SOUTH JACKSON STREET, RED BLUFF, TEHAMA COUNTY (SITE CODE 104721)

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the revised "Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Phase I Addendum" (Phase I – Holdrege & Kull Consulting Engineers and Geologists, October 16, 2013) received on October 16, 2013 via e-mail. The revised Phase I was prepared in response to DTSC comments on the draft version forwarded via e-mail on October 3, 2013. The Phase I describes current and historical land uses and identifies environmental conditions.

According to the Phase I, the approximately 3.6-acre undeveloped land is located at 1511 South Jackson Street in Red Bluff, California. The Site is identified as Tehama County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 035-020-63-1 and the southern 100 feet of APN 035-020-62. The Site is bounded on the north, south, and east by undeveloped land and multi-family residences, a portion of the east boundary is shared with the Metteer Elementary School sports fields and the west with S. Jackson Street followed by Vista Middle School. Historically, a 50 foot by 20 foot structure appears in a 1952 aerial photograph with a second structure appearing in a 1962 aerial photograph. In a 1972 aerial photograph both structures appear to be gone. In addition, the Site is not located within a 10-mile radius of the nearest naturally occurring asbestos containing ultramafic rock formations. The Phase I concludes that there are no recognized environmental conditions that would have a negative impact at the Site.

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Based on the information provided in the Phase I and a Site visit conducted by DTSC on October 9, 2013, neither a release of hazardous material nor the presence of a naturally occurring hazardous material, which would pose a threat to public health or the environment under unrestricted land use, was indicated at the Site. DTSC concurs with the conclusion that further environmental investigation of the Site is not required and hereby approves the Phase I.

DTSC approval of the Phase I pursuant to the Education Code § 17213.1, subdivision (a), does not constitute a determination that "all appropriate inquiry" has been conducted within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. § 9601(35)(B)). DTSC review of the Phase I was conducted solely to identify recognized environmental conditions at this Site in accordance with requirements of the Education Code, and to determine whether further investigation is necessary prior to DTSC approval of this Site for future school use.

Pursuant to Education Code section 17213.2, subdivision (e), if a previously unidentified release or threatened release of a hazardous material or the presence of a naturally occurring hazardous material is discovered anytime during construction at the Site, the Monterey County Office of Education shall cease all construction activities at the Site and notify DTSC. Additional assessment, investigation, or cleanup may be required.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact me at (916) 255-3577 or via e-mail at Jose.Luevano@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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