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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE LIME ROCK VALLEY
SPECIFIC PLAN DATED MAY 21, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER
[2013022042](#)

Dear Cameron Welch,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Lime Rock Valley Specific Plan (project). The project would consist of up to 800 residential units on approximately 358 acres, an 8-acre village park with recreational amenities, and approximately 335 acres of public and private open space. The balance of the area, approximately 39 acres, would be comprised of roads and rights of way. Other features of the plan include a network of pedestrian trails and pathways that would connect to and enhance existing and proposed trails in the area, including the El Dorado Trail.

After reviewing the project, DTSC recommends the following comments:

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1. If any sites within the project area or sites located within the vicinity of the project have been used or are suspected of having been used for mining activities, proper investigation for mine waste should be discussed, evaluated, and addressed for mining waste. Please visit the DTSC [Abandoned Mine Lands webpage](#) for reference or further guidance
2. All imported soil and fill material should be tested to ensure any contaminants of concern are within DTSC's and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Screen Levels for the intended land use. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil and fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil or fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil and fill material meets screening levels outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#) for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of the prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the Lime Rock Valley Specific Plan. 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 any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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