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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PUTAH CREEK ENERGY FARM USE PERMIT (ZF# 2019-0006) – DATED SEPTEMBER 2019 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2019109000)

Dear Ms. Cormier:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Putah Creek Energy Farm Use Permit (ZF# 2019-0006).

The proposed project includes a Use Permit to construct and operate a 3-megawatt alternating photovoltaic and energy storage project that will cover approximately 19 acres of a 31-acre parcel that is immediately adjacent to PG&E's Putah Creek Substation. The project site is approximately 0.5 miles north of the intersection at State Route 128 and County Road 870 in the unincorporated area of the County and bordering the western city limit line of Winters.

DTSC recommends the following issues be evaluated in the Mitigated Negative Declaration:

1. If the project requires importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 *Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material* (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf).
2. Since the site and surrounding areas have been used for agricultural activities, proper investigation for arsenic, other metals, and organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed. DTSC recommends that it be evaluated according to DTSC's 2008 *Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties* (Third Revision) (<https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Ag-Guidance->

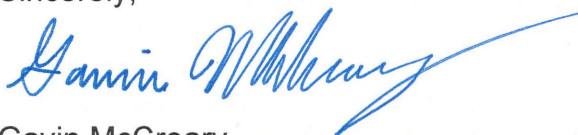
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[Rev-3-August-7-2008-2.pdf](#)). In addition, sampling should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 *Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers* (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Guidance_Lead_Contamination_050118.pdf).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please submit a request for Lead Agency Oversight Application, which can be found at: https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/VCP_App-1460.doc. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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