

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: La Mirada High School New Football Stadium Project, Removal Action Workplan

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020040345

Project Location: 13520 Adelfa Drive, La Mirada, California 90638

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

Project Description: Site assessment identified two specific areas of concern at the La Mirada High School site. These two sites represent (1) the canyon fill area, located in the western portion of the site; and (2) the cut area, located in the eastern portion of the site. Both areas have reported chemical concentrations (i.e., arsenic) that were above DTSC screening levels. The project involves approval of a Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) for the two sites to identify measures to mitigate potential human exposure to arsenic present in the soil.

Background: On April 28, 2020, the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (District) circulated for public review and comment on a draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the approval of the La Mirada High School New Football Stadium Project (Project). The ISMND evaluated the impacts of constructing a new football stadium and field improvements at La Mirada High School. The proposed project includes the replacement of home and visitor bleachers, field lighting, scoreboard, synthetic turf, synthetic track, home and visitor field houses (which include restrooms, concession structures, and team rooms), press box, ticket booth, fencing, paving, long jump/triple jump/high jump, existing shot-put throw area, existing discus throw areas, and pole vault venues. The project also includes a new home/visitor path of travel which include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant accessibility features, extension of existing domestic water lines, new fire access lane, a new fire water line from the street for field houses, and a new fire hydrant. The project also includes an extension of the existing fire water line for a new fire hydrant, extension of the existing sewer line connection, and replacement of the existing storm drain.

During the Site assessments, the presence of arsenic in soils at the Site were identified. The previous ISMND did not identify or evaluate the cleanup activities needed for these hazardous materials that are present in the soils at the Site. The District circulated the ISMND for public review from April 28, 2020 to May 28, 2020. Because a previous ISMND was approved by the District as the lead agency, DTSC is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)¹ and the CEQA Guidelines² to conduct an analysis of that previous document to determine if it provides an accurate description of the current environmental and regulatory conditions, and analyses of potential impacts and mitigation measures associated with the proposed final remedial action remedy. The information and analysis are then used to support a final determination of the type of environmental document required to be prepared for the project as provided by sections 15162, 15163 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines. These alternatives include an addendum, a supplement to the previous ISMND, or a subsequent environmental document to the original ISMND.

Project Activities: The cleanup activities will involve soil excavation and the use of conventional excavation equipment, such as backhoes, loaders, and dozers to remove an estimated 224 cubic yards (313 tons) of impacted soil from the Site. Excavated soil would be either directly loaded into staged trucks or would be temporarily stockpiled on plastic sheeting next to each excavated area until it can be loaded out for offsite disposal. The soils removed from these areas would be transported offsite to an appropriate, licensed facility for disposal.

DTSC utilized information and analysis in the La Mirada High School New Football Stadium Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration to support a final determination about the type of environmental document required to be prepared for the La Mirada High School New Football Stadium Project, Removal Action Workplan as provided by Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, which was determined to be an Addendum. As Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on December 17, 2021 and has made the following determinations:

¹ Pub. Resources Code, div. 13, § 21000 et seq.

² Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Additional project information is available on EnviroStor:

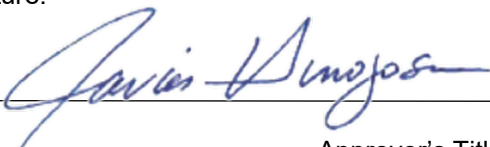
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