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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PATTERSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, PATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT, LAS PALMAS AVENUE AND NORTH SALADO AVENUE, PATTERSON, STANISLAUS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Dr. Alfano:

The Northern California Schools Unit of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received the Notice of Completion (NOC) for a draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Patterson High School project proposed by the Patterson Unified School District (District). The due date to submit comments is September 3, 2020.

As reported in the draft MND, the proposed project includes the new construction of three new buildings at 200 North 7th Street, Patterson High School in Patterson, Stanislaus County, California (Site). The footprints of the new construction, the proposed gymnasium, two story building, and theater are collectively considered the Site and occupy 3 acres. The proposed two-story classroom building, and proposed gymnasium will be constructed in the center of an approximately 36-acre parcel identified by the Stanislaus County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 131-024-001-000. The theatre building will be constructed on the eastern edge of a 6.2-acre parcel identified by APN 048-048-001-000. The sites of the proposed gymnasium and two-story classroom are located between North 9th Street and North 7th Street and currently and historically have been utilized as a high school campus. The site of the proposed theatre is located between Ward Avenue and North 9th Street and currently and historically has been used as crop land/vacant land.

The District entered into an Environmental Oversight Agreement with DTSC on November 1, 2019 (HSA-FY19/20-035), and made a commitment to work with DTSC to

conduct a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) to complete the investigation of environmental impacts at the Site.

Based on a review of the NOC and draft IS/MND, DTSC would like to provide the following comment:

- The environmental investigation, and mitigation and/or removal if deemed necessary, should continue to be conducted under DTSC oversight. The Initial Study (IS) requires an analysis of the potential public health and environmental impacts associated with the proposed response action, if necessary, pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA - Pub. Resources Code, Division 13, section 21000 et seq.), and its implementing Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15000 et seq.), prior to approval or adoption of the IS/MND for the Project. If necessary, a discussion of the mitigation and/or removal actions and associated cumulative impacts to the Site and the surrounding environment, should be included in the IS/MND. If sufficient information to discuss the proposed mitigation and/or removal actions, and their associated impacts to the Site and the surrounding environment, are not available for inclusion in the IS/MND, then an Addendum may be required.

DTSC is also administering the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program which provides revolving loans to investigate and clean up hazardous materials at properties where redevelopment is likely to have a beneficial impact to a community. These loans are available to developers, businesses, schools, and local governments.

For additional information on DTSC's Schools process or RLF Program, please visit DTSC's web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (916) 255-3695, or via email at Bud.Duke@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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