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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

REVIEW OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL SOIL REMOVAL PROJECT (SCH# 2021010015)

Dear Ms. Jimenez:

The Northern California Schools Unit of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Winters High School Soil Removal Project – proposed by the Winters Joint Unified School District (District). The due date to submit comments is February 5, 2021.

As described in the MND, the District is seeking DTSC approval of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for contaminated soil removal. The RAW includes a detailed plan for conducting a response action to excavate and dispose off-site approximately 190 cubic yards of dieldrin- and lead-impacted soil. The generation of dust during the soil removal operations would be minimized as necessary with the use of water as a dust suppressant.

The MND analyzes all potential impacts that could occur with implementation of the response action and determined, with implementation of recommended mitigation measures, potentially significant impacts related to Cultural Resources would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

DTSC is a Responsible Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, therefore, reviewed portions of the environmental analysis which are germane to the Responsible Agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. DTSC has determined that the environmental analysis is adequate and effectively accomplishes DTSC's mission to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances.

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DTSC looks forward to continuing to work with the District in accomplishing the necessary completion of the response action at Winters High School. Thank you for the opportunity to review the MND. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at John.Hope@dtsc.ca.gov or at 916-255-3552.

Sincerely,



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