



Jared Blumenfeld
Secretary for
Environmental Protection



Department of Toxic Substances Control

Meredith Williams, Ph.D., Director
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826-3200



Gavin Newsom
Governor

June 18, 2021

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

June 18 2021

Attention: Sarah Price
San Francisco Unified School District
135 Van Ness Avenue, Room 216
San Francisco, California 94102

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

REVIEW OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MISSION BAY SCHOOLS PROJECT, BOUNDED BY MISSION BAY BOULEVARD, SIXTH STREET, NELSON RISING LANE, AND OWENS STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY (SCH # 2021050349)

Dear Ms. Price:

The Northern California Schools Unit of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Mission Bay School Project - proposed by the San Francisco Unified School District (District). The due date to submit comments is June 18, 2021.

As reported in the NOP, the District is proposing the demolition of a surface parking lot and construction of a multi-story, up to approximately 105,700-square-foot school. The approximately 2.45-acre project site is on the block bounded by Mission Bay Boulevard South to the north, Sixth Street (privately owned by the University of California) to the east, Nelson Rising Lane (privately owned by the University of California) to the south, 2 and Owens Street to the west in the Mission Bay neighborhood in the northeast quadrant of San Francisco. The proposed facility would include a preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school, linked learning hub, professional learning facility, outdoor learning area, outdoor play area, and paved surface parking lot with ten parking spaces.

The District entered into a School Cleanup Agreement with DTSC on October 26, 2020 Environmental Oversight Agreement with DTSC on November 17, 2016 (HSA-FY19/20-153), and has made a commitment to work with DTSC to conduct a cleanup and capping of the Site.

Based on a review of the NOP, DTSC would like to provide the following comment:

1. The environmental investigation, and mitigation and/or removal if deemed necessary, should continue to be conducted under DTSC oversight. The EIR 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 (Pub. Resources Code, div. 13, §21000 et seq.), and its implementing Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., title 14, §15000 et seq.), prior to approval or adoption of an EIR 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 EIR. 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 EIR, then an Addendum to the EIR 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) 255-3786, or via email at Cheryl.Mahoney@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Mahoney
Northern California Schools Unit
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program

cc: (next page)

Ms. Sarah Price
June 18, 2021
Page 3

cc: (via email)

State Clearinghouse (State.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov)
Office of Planning and Research

Dave Kereazis (Dave.Kereazis@dtsc.ca.gov)
DTSC CEQA Tracking Center – Sacramento, CA

Jose Salcedo (Jose.Salcedo@dtsc.ca.gov)
DTSC Schools Unit – Sacramento, CA

Elizabeth Tisdale (Elizabeth.Tisdale@dtsc.ca.gov)
DTSC Schools Unit – Sacramento, CA

REVIEW OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE MISSION BAY PROJECT, BOUNDED BY MISSION BAY BOULEVARD,
SIXTH STREET, NELSON RISING LANE, AND OWENS STREET, SAN FRANCISCO,
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY (SCH # 2021050349)

Reviewed by: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
 OA/OT Peer PM UC