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RE: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE GOLDEN WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EXPANSION PROJECT, DATED JULY 3, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #  
[2024070142](#)

Dear Gabriel Moulaison,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Negative Declaration (ND) for the Golden West Middle School Expansion Project (Project). The proposed Project would involve the construction of additional school facilities on approximately 3.7 acres in the northeastern and eastern portions of the campus for the purpose of expanding the campus from grades 7 and 8 to grades 6 to 8 commencing in the 2025-26 school year. The Project site will also include an approximately 2-acre, district-owned parcel for placement of export material that will be located approximately 300 feet north of the campus on the east side of De Ronde Drive. In total, the proposed Project would consist of 5.7 acres of district-owned land. Based on our review, DTSC requests consideration of the following comments.

1. If the district plans to use California Department of Education (CDE) State funds for the project, then the district shall comply with the requirements of Education Code (EDC), [§17210](#), [§17213.1](#), and [§17213.2](#), unless otherwise specifically exempted under section [§17268](#). If the district is not using CDE State funds for the Project, or is otherwise specifically exempt under section [§17268](#), DTSC recommends the district continue to investigate, clean up the Site under the oversight of Solano County and in concurrence with all applicable DTSC guidance documents, if necessary. For more information on the CDE State funding, please visit the [Office of Public-School Construction](#) webpage.

A local education agency may also voluntarily request the CDE site/plan approval for locally funded site acquisitions and new construction projects. In these cases, CDE will require DTSC to review and approve prior to its final approval, except when exempt under section 17268.

2. DTSC recommends that all imported soil and fill material should be tested to ensure any contaminants of concern are within DTSC's and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Screen Levels for the intended land use. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil and fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil or fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil and fill material meets screening levels outlined in the [Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual](#) for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of the prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting DTSC's [Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\)](#) webpage.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ND for the Golden West Middle School Expansion Project. If you would like to proceed with DTSC's school environmental review process, please visit [DTSC's Evaluating & Clean-up School 3-Step Process](#) to begin a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.

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Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Purvis".

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