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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE IS23-0034 - MELOLAND ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT CENTRAL DRAIN DATED JULY 2, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024070126](#)

Dear Jim Minnick,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the IS23-0034 - Meloland Road Bridge Replacement at Central Drain project (project). The County proposes to replace the existing bridge at Meloland Road over Central Drain. After review of the project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any areas included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former

buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#).

2. If soil and fill material will be imported, DTSC recommends it should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in the [PEA Guidance Manual](#). Additionally, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing fill is necessary. 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 are suitable 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 MND for the IS23-0034 - Meloland Road Bridge Replacement at Central Drain project. 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.

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