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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CDP_2024-0015 (SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE) DATED AUGUST 22 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024080903](#)

Dear Liam Crowley,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the CDP_2024-0015 (Save the Redwoods League) project (project). The project proposes to demolish and remove an approximate 1,210 square foot barrack structure and the overhead electrical lines and panels currently serving the barrack structure and adjacent mess hall. The project would also install 315 linear feet of two-inch diameter buried electrical conduit and electrical panels to restore connectivity to the mess hall. Several other activities would occur in accordance with mitigation measures recommended for adoption, including revegetation, translocation of existing plants, pre-construction surveys, installation of temporary fencing, and others. After reviewing the project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. DTSC recommends that all imported soil and fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) 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](#).
2. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites 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 PEA Guidance Manual](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the CDP_2024-0015 (Save the Redwoods League) 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 clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

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