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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CAMINO PABLO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, REZONE, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024110934](#)

Dear Adrian Veliz,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Camino Pablo Single-Family Residential Subdivision, Rezone, General Plan Amendment, and Development Plan (project). The proposed project includes Major Subdivision application CDSD23-09646. Rezone application CDRZ23-03270, General Plan Amendment application CDGP21-00004, and Development Plan application CDDP23-03012, to allow development of the southern 7.9 acres of the 23.9-acre project site consisting of a residential subdivision of 13 single-family residences with attached accessory dwelling units (ADUs) incorporated into 11 of the residences. The remaining northern 16.0 acres of the site would remain as agricultural open space. The project site is a legal lot in the AL Agricultural Lands, General Plan land use designation. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. When agricultural crops and/or land uses are proposed or rezoned for residential use, a number of contaminants of concern (COCs) can be present. The Lead Agency shall identify the amounts of Pesticides and Organochlorine Pesticides (OCPs) historically used on the property. If present, OCPs requiring further analysis are dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane, toxaphene, and dieldrin. Additionally, any level of arsenic present would require further analysis and sampling and must meet [HHRA NOTE NUMBER 3, DTSC-SLs](#) approved thresholds. If they are not, remedial action must take place to mitigate them below those thresholds.

Additional COCs may be found in mixing/loading/storage areas, drainage ditches, farmhouses, or any other outbuildings and should be sampled and analyzed. If smudge pots had been routinely utilized, additional sampling for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and/or Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons may be required.

2. 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 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 Camino Pablo Single-Family Residential Subdivision, Rezone, General Plan Amendment, and Development Plan project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any

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questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

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