

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
8800 Cal Center Drive
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Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Proposed Orange Cove Elementary School Removal Action Workplan

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017031015

Project Location: Northeast corner of South Monson Avenue and East South Avenue, Orange Cove, California 93646

County: Fresno

Project Applicant: Kings Canyon Unified School District

Project Description: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approved the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Proposed Orange Cove Elementary Project located at the northeast corner of South Monson Avenue and East South Avenue, Orange Cove, California ("Project Site"). The RAW remediation activities will address the contaminated soil impacted with dieldrin (an organochlorine pesticide [OCP]) and thallium from the use of agricultural chemicals and rodenticides to reduce the potential risk to human health and the environment. DTSC is overseeing cleanup at the Project Site under an Environmental Oversight Agreement with the Kings Canyon Unified School District (Docket Number HAS-FY16/17-133).

The Project activities that will be conducted pursuant to the RAW include the following:

- Excavation of approximately 150 cubic yards of impacted soil (approximately 240 tons) from the areas of concern; Analytical testing of soils determined that impacted soils are limited to the upper 1-foot of soils, 2 feet below ground surface around the well.
- Stockpile the excavated soil on-Site, collect and analyze the stockpile samples as required by the receiving facility (the landfill), and profile the stockpiled soil prior to disposal;
- Conduct confirmation sampling, compare confirmation data to the Cleanup Levels, and if necessary perform additional follow-up excavation until the Cleanup Levels are met;
- Load and transport the approximately 240 tons of impacted soil to an appropriate disposal facility and import certified clean fill material and backfill the excavation areas level with the surrounding grade.

The excavation will take approximately four weeks and 12 truck trips.

On January 9, 2017, the Kings Canyon Unified School District as the lead agency approved the Orange Cove Elementary School Project consisting of the acquisition of a 15-acre elementary school Site and the construction and operation of an elementary school on the Site. The school would serve an enrollment of approximately 600 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. (State Clearinghouse Number 2017031015)

As Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on March 22, 2022 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Additional project information is available on [EnviroStor](#).

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