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MEMORANDUM – SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 8, 2023

Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE JENNY LIND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION PROJECT, DATED
OCTOBER 10, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2019029121](#)

Dear Samuel Assefa,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting to withdraw the Comment Letter for Jenny Lind Elementary School Wastewater Regionalization Project (SCH# 2019029121) filing with OPR on CEQA.net and replace it with the Revised DTSC Comment Letter for Jenny Lind Elementary School Wastewater Regionalization Project. The revised document has edits made to number 1. of the comments section.

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If you have any questions, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mark Campbell,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a MND for the Jenny Lind Elementary School Wastewater Regionalization Project. The proposed Project includes the replacement of the wastewater system at the Jenny Lind ES (JLES). The project will require work on the JLES site as well as off-site. Off-site improvements include installation of a pipeline from JLES to the existing Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) gravity sewer located at the west end of Vista Del Lago Dr West. The project will also include replacement of +/- 870 linear foot of pipeline that bisects the La Contenta Plaza back parking area, traverses several residential lots and terminates on the La Contenta Golf Club property. Based on our Project 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 and clean up the Site, if necessary, under the oversight of Calaveras County and in concurrence with all applicable DTSC guidance documents. For more information on the CDE State funding, please visit [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. Because the project is school site related, DTSC recommends that an environmental review, such as a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and/or Preliminary Environmental Assessment, be conducted to determine whether there has been or may have been a release or threatened release of a hazardous material, or whether a naturally occurring hazardous material is present based on reasonably available information about the property and the areas in its vicinity. Such an environmental review should generally be conducted as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. If the District elects to proceed and conduct an environmental assessment at the Site under DTSC oversight, it should enter into an Environmental

Oversight Agreement with DTSC to oversee the preparation of the environmental assessment.

3. 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 2006 [Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers](#)
4. If any projects initiated as part of the proposed project require the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to [DTSC's 2001 Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material](#) webpage.

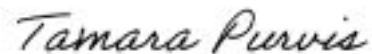
DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Jenny Lind Elementary School Wastewater Regionalization Project's MND. If you would like to proceed with DTSC's school environmental review process, please visit [DTSC's Evaluating & Clean-up School 3-Step Process](#) to begin a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.

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

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

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