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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE RIVER DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN DATED MARCH 3, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2009062023](#)

Dear Charles Thomas Tschudin,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the River District Specific Plan (Project). The City of Sacramento (City) is the Lead Agency responsible for preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed River District Specific Plan Update (Plan). The SEIR to be prepared by the City will evaluate potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed Plan and other actions associated with the proposed Plan. Since adoption of the original 2011 River District Specific Plan, new information, changed circumstances, and proposed updates to the Plan warrant additional environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The SEIR will evaluate potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed project, on both a direct and cumulative basis, identify mitigation measures that may be feasible to lessen or avoid such impacts, and identify reasonable alternatives to the proposed project.

DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. There are several areas of which DTSC has regulatory oversight over that are within the proposed project site, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, are subject to a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, or the potential for the project site to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, DTSC recommends further coordination with the Department in the event that the proposed project may impact any of the areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight. Please review the project area in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database and coordinate with the Department if any suspected decisions may impact these areas of which DTSC oversees.
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 Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#).
3. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all COCs meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, 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/fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.

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DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a SEIR for the River District Specific Plan. 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 our [CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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