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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CITY OF PETALUMA  
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DATED MARCH 27, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE  
NUMBER [2025080378](#)

Dear Olivia Ervin,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the City of Petaluma General Plan Update (Project). The proposed Project consists of an update to the City's General Plan which will serve as a long-term framework for future growth and development. The General Plan represents the community's view of its future and contains the goals and policies upon which the City Council, Planning Commission, staff, and the entire community base their land use and resource decisions. To provide a contemporary plan that will guide the community, the General Plan is being updated to reflect changes in the community, new issues and opportunities, changes in State law, and new trends. 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 City of Petaluma General Plan Update, 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 [Petaluma, CA EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database and coordinate with the Department if any suspected decisions may impact these areas of which DTSC oversees.

2. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all COCs meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing soil/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 is suitable for the intended land use. The sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.
3. If any hazardous waste or hazardous materials are discovered during any phase of the Project, DTSC recommends the City of Petaluma enter into a voluntary agreement to address contamination on the property or receive oversight from a [self-certified local agency](#), DTSC or the Regional Water Quality Control Board. If entering into one of DTSC's voluntary agreements, please note DTSC uses a single standard Request for Lead Agency Oversight Application for all agreement types. Please apply for DTSC oversight using this link: [Request for Agency Oversight Application](#). Submittal of the online application includes an agreement to pay costs incurred during agreement preparation. If you have any questions about the application portal, please contact the relevant [Regional Brownfield Coordinator](#) for your Project.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the City of Petaluma General Plan Update. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people

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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 [the CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,



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