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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR NORTH POINT ISABEL PARK CAP
RESILIENCE PROJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
NUMBER [2025090912](#)

Dear Kim Thai,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for North Point Isabel Park Cap Resilience Project (Project). Through a funding partnership with California State Parks, the proposed Project seeks to beautify and improve the project site's resilience to sea level rise by enhancing the existing remedial cap to provide long-term, sustainable recreational use of the park through effective grading, drainage, and planting to prevent soil erosion. The proposed project would: (1) provide sea level rise resilience by raising the site's elevation with import soils and increased rock slope protection along the shoreline, (2) effectively stabilize the cap by raising the site's elevation above pre-existing classified soils and installing a new paved and gravel trail network to provide universal site access, (3) grade planted slopes and install a continuous vegetated swale to reduce soil erosion and filter sediments from site-generated stormwater before discharge into the San Francisco Bay, (4) provide more site furnishings to enhance and improve the user experience of the large off-leash dog area, and (5) install resource protection fencing to prevent dogs from reaching shorebirds in the adjacent mudflats. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The Project site is within the boundary of hazardous materials sites that DTSC and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB) regulate under their authorities. In particular, [Point Isabel](#) which is a [Land Use Covenant](#) (LUC) site and [Point Isabel Regional Shoreline](#) which is managed by SFBRWQCB. DTSC's oversight comprises the LUC site and the SFBRWQCB regulates the cleanup site. Therefore, DTSC recommends further coordination with DTSC and the SFBRWQCB in the event that the proposed Project may impact any of the areas that may fall under DTSC's purview and/or SFBRWQCB's oversight.
2. All imported soil/fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's 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/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 fill and knowledge of prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for North Point Isabel Park Cap Resilience Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact us via our [CEQA Review email](#).

Sincerely,



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