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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WILLOW AND VALLEY
WAREHOUSE PROJECT FEBRUARY 11, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER
[2026020456](#)

Dear Daniel Rosas,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Willow and Valley Warehouse Project (Project). The Project would demolish an existing structure on site and construct two new industrial warehouse buildings totaling approximately 119,700 square feet (gross area). Building 1 would be composed of approximately 66,810 square feet of warehouse space, 2,400 square feet of mezzanine space, and 4,000 square feet of office space. Building 2 would be composed of approximately 43,558 square feet of warehouse space, 1,200 square feet of mezzanine space, and 2,000 square feet of office space. The Project would include landscaping, parking, and 12 loading docks. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The Project site is in close vicinity to the boundary of hazardous materials sites known as the Cortese List (compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5) that DTSC regulates under its authority. In particular, [Birtcher Logistics Center Rialto](#) which is a [Land Use Covenant](#) (LUC) site.

The property subject to this LUC totals approximately 21 acres and is identified as County of San Bernardino, Assessor Parcel Numbers 0132-181-01, 0132-201-03, 0254-261-17. DTSC advises that the Project development does not impact conditions of the LUC and the city of Rialto should conduct further coordination with DTSC in the event that the proposed Project may impact any of the areas that may fall under DTSC's purview and oversight.

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 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.

DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Willow and Valley Warehouse 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 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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