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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (DEIR) FOR THE SEASIDE GENERAL
PLAN UPDATE 2040, DATED OCTOBER 26, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #
[2017071021](#)

Dear Andrew Myrick,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a DEIR for the Seaside General Plan Update 2040. Seaside 2040 is a comprehensive update of the City's 2004 General Plan and established the community's vision for future development of the City through 2040. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65302, the State of California requires that General Plans contain specific elements, including Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, and Environmental Justice. As part of the general plan process, Seaside 2040 has been reorganized and reformatted, with updated goals and policies that reflect the community vision of Seaside. The City's General Plan Land Use Map has also been updated to reflect the community's vision and guiding principles that thread through Seaside 2040.

DTSC has identified that this project may affect multiple sites within the project

boundaries therefore, based on our project review, we request the consideration of the following comments:

1. The proposed project encompasses multiple active and nonactive mitigation and clean-up sites where DTSC has conducted oversight that may be impacted as a result of this project. This may restrict what construction activities are permissible in the proposed project areas in order to avoid any impacts to human health and the environment.
2. Due to the broad scope of the project, DTSC is unable to determine all of the locations of the proposed project site, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, or whether there is the potential for the project site to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The document showcases 8 sites that fall under this government code. Therefore, DTSC recommends providing further information on the project site and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within the DEIR. Once received, DTSC may provide additional comments on the DEIR as further information becomes available. Please review the [City of Seaside's project area](#) in [Envirostor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the City of Seaside must address these comments to determine if any significant impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will occur and, if necessary, avoid significant impacts under CEQA. DTSC recommends the department connect with our unit if any hazardous waste projects managed or overseen by DTSC are discovered.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Seaside General Plan Update 2040. 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 clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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