

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826

**Subject:** FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

**Project Title:** Response Plan for cleanup of the Proposed Costco Wholesale Warehouse Site

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2017052077

**Project Location:** Southeast Corner of Brace Road and Sierra College Boulevard, Loomis, CA

**County:** Placer

**Project Applicant:** Costco Wholesale Corporation

**Project Description:** The Response Plan is to excavate approximately 500 cubic yards of contaminated soil and transport it off-Site for disposal to a permitted facility. The excavated areas would then be backfilled with clean soil. Soil excavation, handling, and stockpiling would be performed in a manner which limits and controls the mixing of contaminated soil with uncontaminated soil. The Response Plan would allow for the safe reuse of the Site by reducing arsenic and lead concentrations to natural background levels typical for the area. Whenever any of the excavations are completed, soil samples will be collected from the sidewalls and bottom of the excavation to confirm that remaining soil has concentrations of lead and arsenic that are at or below background concentration values.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act's (CEQA's) provisions, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), as a responsible agency under CEQA, is amending the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), completed by the Town of Loomis (Town) in their role as the Lead Agency under CEQA, to incorporate the recommended action discussed in the Response Plan (RP) that was completed by Kleinfelder after the Town's August 2020 certification of the Final EIR. An addendum to the Final EIR has been prepared to address the inclusion of the proposed Response Plan, which is to excavate and remove surficial and shallow soil from the Site that is impacted with arsenic and lead. No other changes to the Town of Loomis' Costco project (described below) are proposed, and the Town of Loomis' Costco project operations will remain the same as described in the Final EIR.

The Town of Loomis' Costco project (Project) involves the proposed construction of a Costco warehouse retail store with an associated gasoline station. The Project site (Site) is currently a vacant 17.4-acre property located within the Town at the southeast corner of the intersection of Brace Road and Sierra College Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, AECOM, on behalf of the Town as lead CEQA agency, prepared the EIR for the Project. A draft EIR (State Clearinghouse Number [No.] 20170052077) for the Project was circulated for a 45-day public review period from June 11, 2018 through July 25, 2018. Based on public and agency comments, Costco Wholesale Corporation (Costco), the Project applicant, elected to revise the Project to include additional options for Site access. AECOM's Loomis Costco Revised Draft EIR dated December 2019 was provided by the Town for public review from December 20, 2019 through February 10, 2020. AECOM's Loomis Costco Final EIR was prepared for the Town in accordance with Sections 15089 and 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines and is dated June 2020. The Notice of Determination (NOD) advising of the Town Council's certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Project was filed on August 12, 2020.

As Responsible Agency under CEQA, DTSC approved the above-described Response Plan on June 25, 2021 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the Costco project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, by the Town of Loomis.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of Response Plan approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this Response Plan.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826

Additional project information is available on EnviroStor: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/)

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