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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SUTTER STREET EXTENSION  
PROJECT – DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2022 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE  
NUMBER: 2022110086)

Dear Mr. Mortazavi:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Sutter Street Extension Project (Project). The proposed Project includes extending Sutter Street from its current terminus at Argonaut Drive to Hoffman Street, realigning a portion of Argonaut Drive, improving portions of Sutter Street, construction of a new roundabout connection at the new intersection of Sutter Street and Hoffman Street, and relocation of an existing water main. The City of Jackson (City) is receiving this letter because it previously entered a [Voluntary Cleanup Agreement \(VCA\)](#) for the Project on June 20, 2011.

Under the VCA, the City prepared a Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) for DTSC's review and approval. The most recent version of the [Draft Final RAW](#) is dated August 2012, and proposes to encapsulate mine waste/soil from the project area below the proposed 1,500-foot extension of Sutter Street from Argonaut Drive to Hoffman Street. The primary chemicals of concern associated with mine waste/soil are arsenic, lead, mercury, and acid generating potential. In a [letter dated September 6, 2012](#), DTSC concurred that the August 2012 version of the Draft Final RAW was ready for public review and comments, but identified several caveats that are summarized below. Additional information regarding the project under the VCA is available on [DTSC's EnviroStor database](#).

Before the encapsulation project can move forward, the following activities must be completed:

- Completion of the appropriate CEQA documents that DTSC must prepare,
- Revision of the Draft Final RAW if the project scope changes,
- Preparation of the necessary public engagement documents and holding the public review and comment period for the Draft Final RAW, and
- DTSC review and approval of a remedial design and implementation plan (RDIP) prepared by the City.

DTSC involvement with the project under the VCA has been inactive since 2012 while the City was waiting for the Sutter Street Extension project to resume. DTSC Project Management and CEQA staff have not been consulted during the City's preparation of the MND. The City should re-engage with DTSC staff to ensure the MND meets DTSC needs for DTSC's CEQA documents, and this work should occur under the terms of the VCA. Because the previous DTSC Project Manager has retired, please contact me to have a new project manager assigned to this project.

DTSC looks forward to resuming work on this important project. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3586 or via email at [Lora.Jameson@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Lora.Jameson@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lora Jameson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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