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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE CITY OF COLFAX GENERAL PLAN 2040 UPDATE, DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2023070105](#)

Dear Emmanuel Ursu:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a DEIR for the City of Colfax General Plan 2040 Update. The General Plan Update includes comprehensive updates to the required elements under the State Planning and Zoning Law, as well as other optional elements that the City has elected to include in its General Plan. The updated plan consolidates goals and policies in order to guide development and conservation in Colfax through 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 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. Therefore, DTSC recommends providing further information on the Project site and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within the Draft EIR. Once received, DTSC may provide additional comments on the DEIR as further information becomes available. Please review the project area in [Envirostor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.
3. If any sites within the project area or sites located within the vicinity of the project have been used or are suspected of having been used for mining activities, proper investigation for mine waste should be discussed, evaluated, and addressed for mining waste. Please visit the DTSC [Abandoned Mine Lands webpage](#) for reference or further guidance.

DTSC believes the City of Colfax 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 City of Colfax connect with our unit if any hazardous waste projects managed or overseen by DTSC are discovered. Please refer to the [City of Colfax EnviroStor map](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the City of Colfax General Plan 2040 Update. 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.

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Sincerely,

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