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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 2045 GENERAL PLAN AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024 UPDATES (AKA ENVISION CONTRA COSTA) DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2023090467](#)

Dear Will Nelson,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a DEIR for the Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan and Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan 2024 Updates (aka Envision Contra Costa). Contra Costa County is one of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. The County has prepared comprehensive updates to its existing General Plan and Climate Action Plan (CAP), which are applicable to the county's unincorporated areas. The DEIR study area coincides with the unincorporated areas covered by the General Plan and CAP. Based on our project review; we request 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 sites, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, or whether there is the potential for the sites 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 proposed project and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within future environmental documents. Once received, DTSC may provide additional comments on the future environmental documents as further information becomes available. Please review the project area in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes Contra Costa County 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. Please refer to the [Contra Costa County EnviroStor Map](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan and Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan 2024 Updates (aka Envision Contra Costa. 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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