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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE FARMS DAVIS  
PROJECT DATED JANUARY 6, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER  
[2023110006](#)

Dear Dara Dungworth,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Village Farms Davis Project (Project). The Proposed Project would consist of a mixed-use development community, including a total of 1,800 dwelling units, comprised of both affordable and market-rate single- and multi-family residences across various residential neighborhoods. In addition, the Proposed Project would include neighborhood services; public, semi-public, and educational uses; associated on-site roadway improvements; utility improvements; parks, open space, and greenbelts; and off-site improvements. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The Yolo County Environmental Health Division is not a [self-certified local agency](#) therefore, DTSC recommends the City of Davis Department of Community Development enter into a voluntary agreement to address contamination at brownfields and other types of properties or receive oversight from a [self-certified local agency](#), DTSC or the Regional Water

Quality Control Board. If entering into one of DTSC's voluntary agreements, please note that DTSC uses a single standard Request for Lead Agency Oversight Application for all agreement types. Please apply for DTSC oversight using this link: [Request for Agency Oversight Application](#). Submittal of the online application includes an agreement to pay costs incurred during agreement preparation. If you have any questions about the application portal, please contact your [Regional Brownfield Coordinator](#).

2. DTSC recommends that all imported soil and fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#). Additionally, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil and fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil or fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil and fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the Village Farms Davis Project. 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 clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via our [CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

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Sincerely,

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