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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN, DATED JUNE 27, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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Dear Evan Sensibile,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Plan). The Plan is community based and focuses on land use and policy issues that are specific to the unique characteristics and needs of the planning area and its communities. The Plan is intended to guide long-term growth within the planning area by encouraging development of housing options, preserving/sustaining open space, protecting community health, safety, and general welfare, increasing access to community amenities, and promoting areas suitable for growth. The Plan will include a general plan amendment and changes to land use and zoning designations to accommodate target growth. DTSC has identified that this plan may impact multiple sites within its boundaries therefore, we request the consideration of the following comments:

1. The Plan encompasses multiple active and nonactive mitigation and clean-up sites where DTSC has conducted oversight that may be impacted as a result of

this Plan. This may restrict what construction activities are permissible in the proposed areas in order to avoid any impacts to human health and the environment.

2. Due to the broad scope of the proposed Plan, DTSC is unable to determine all of the locations of the proposed Plan sites, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, or whether there is potential for these 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 these sites and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within the DEIR. Please review the Plan area in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning 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.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on DEIR for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. 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.

Sincerely,



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