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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT EIR (DEIR) FOR THE CITY OF IRWINDALE HOUSING ELEMENT AND GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, DATED DECEMBER 14, 2023 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2023120387](#)

Dear Marilyn Simpson,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a NOP of a DEIR for the City of Irwindale Housing Element and General Plan Update. In accordance with State law, the City is in the process of updating the Housing and Safety Elements of its current General Plan, as well as preparing a new Environmental Justice (EJ) Element to be adopted as part of the current General Plan. The Housing Element Update provides a plan to accommodate the City's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and includes various housing policies and programs to guide the City in planning and decision-making to achieve its RHNA allocation. The updated Safety Element (previously named the Public Safety Element) identifies the potential risks to life and property resulting from naturally occurring hazards, such as earthquakes and floods, and man-made hazards, such as air pollution and

contamination of water quality as well as the appropriate public safety providers, such as law enforcement, emergency preparedness, and response teams. Additionally, the EJ Element addresses the unique or compounded health risks throughout the city and includes policies, programs, and measures to reduce these health risks, such as improving air quality; promoting public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes; and physical activity.

DTSC has identified that this project may affect multiple active and nonactive mitigation and clean-up 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 all of 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. DTSC recommends providing further information on the project site and areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight within the DEIR. Please review the [City of Irwindale project area](#) in [Envirostor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the City of Irwindale 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 the City of Irwindale Housing Element

and General Plan 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.

Sincerely,



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