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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR LAKE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND LOCAL AREA PLANS UPDATE, DATED JANUARY 9, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2024010158](#)

Dear Mireya Turner,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a NOP of a DEIR for Lake County General Plan and Local Area Plans Update (Project). Lake County is preparing a comprehensive update to the 2008 General Plan and all eight of the County's Local Area Plans, which were adopted at various times between 1988 and 2010. The County's updated General Plan and Local Area Plans will include goals, policies, and actions that set the long-term plan (blueprint) for potential future development in unincorporated Lake County. The proposed project will build off the current General Plan and Local Area Plans and provide a framework for land use, transportation, and conservation decisions, and direct future growth within unincorporated Lake County (EIR study area) through the year 2050.

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 in [Lake County project area](#) in [Envirostor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes Lake 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.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Lake County General Plan and Local Area Plans 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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