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### SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) / NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING FOR A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SUB EIR) FOR THE CITY OF LODI GENERAL PLAN 2024 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2024020668](#)

Dear John Della Monica,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a NOP of a SUB EIR for the City of Lodi General Plan 2024 General Plan Update. The proposed project is a focused update to certain portions of the adopted General Plan. The General Plan is a state-required legal document that provides guidance to decision makers regarding the allocation of resources and determining the future physical form and character of development in the City and its Sphere Of Influence. The proposed project focuses primarily on minor adjustments to designations on the General Plan land use map, in many cases for land that is already developed but not identified as the correct designation. The City is also updating its Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) model and is amending the Transportation Element to reflect the results of this VMT analysis. 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 the SUB EIR. Once received, DTSC may provide additional comments on the SUB EIR as further information becomes available. Please review the project area in [Envirostor](#); DTSC's public-facing database.

DTSC believes the City of Lodi 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 [City of Lodi EnviroStor Map](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed 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 any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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