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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WASTEWATER PLANT
CONSOLIDATION PROJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
NUMBER [2024090486](#)

Dear Krystine Ball,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Wastewater Plant Consolidation Project (Project). According to the Initial Study/MND, the proposed Project would enable the transfer of wastewater treatment services to the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and cease all operations at the Beach WWTP. The proposed Project would include new force mains between 3 and 14 inches from the Beach WWTP to the Northwest WWTP and four lift stations (two new and two improved). The lift stations would pump wastewater through the new force mains to the Northwest WWTP. Additional treatment and process improvements would be made at the Northwest WWTP to add to the efficiencies of the existing process. Improvements would be made, to the extent feasible, to existing wastewater lines within existing roadways and previously disturbed right-of-way, urbanized areas, and to minimize alterations to undeveloped

areas. The proposed Project is needed to enable the City of Rio Vista to improve and rehabilitate the existing wastewater service capacities and protect water quality and beneficial uses of the Sacramento River. The Project is intended to enable transfer of service from the Beach WWTP and would not increase the overall capacity beyond what was previous planned. After reviewing the Project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comment:

1. If water lines, mains or pipes are to be demolished on any Project sites included in the proposed Project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Wastewater Plant Consolidation 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 [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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