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DTSC Listening Session on the Governor's Clean-Up Proposal for Vulnerable Communities

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Tonight's Meeting

- Purpose: Provide an overview of DTSC's proposal and how you can participate
- Meeting materials available at:
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- Media Questions: Russ Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov the DTSC Office of Communications at Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Mission

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Overview
- Equitable Community Revitalization Grants
- Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities
- Workforce
- Q&A
- Next Steps

We want to hear from you

- How can we best engage you in the process?
- How can we best communicate with you on these initiative?
- How can we increase our transparency on these initiatives?
- What are we missing on how to focus our resources?
- What types of sites in your community concern you?



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OVERVIEW

PRESENTER: GRANT COPE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
SITE MITIGATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM



What is the Governor proposing for cleanups?

- \$300 million to accelerate cleanups and expand good, safe, affordable housing
 - \$220 million for site discovery and enforcement
 - \$76 million in brownfield grants
 - \$4 million workforce development
- Requires enactment of Administration's governance and fiscal reform legislative package

How will this proposal protect people and strengthen communities?

- California has approximately 200,000 brownfields that can threaten public health and prevent new housing, parks, and other need services
- DTSC proposes to fund projects in communities in the top 25 percent of CalEnviroScreen scores with Very High Housing Needs
- DTSC and the Department of Housing and Community Development will coordinate to revitalize environmental justice communities

What are our early actions to plan and gather input?

- DTSC is creating expenditure plans, hiring packages, a GIS-based site screening tool, standardized contracts, and site investigation and cleanup strategies designed to save money and time
- DTSC and the Department of Housing and Community Development are already coordinating
- DTSC serves communities and needs your input to improve the proposal



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Equitable Community Revitalization Grants

PRESENTER: MARYAM TASNIF-ABBASI
BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



What are we proposing for brownfields?

- Equitable Community Revitalization Grants - ECRG
- \$76M allocated for grants to vulnerable communities
- Based largely on U.S. EPA Brownfield Grant Guidelines
- Protect public health and facilitate revitalization by investigating and cleaning up contamination
- Support reuse of properties in disadvantaged communities
- Encourage affordable housing and other uses

Who could apply for this funding?

Could you apply?

- Nonprofits
- Tribal governments
- Affordable housing ventures
- Government agencies

For which sites?

- Top 25% CalEnviroScreen scores
- Very High Housing Needs
- Where revitalization is needed
- Where affordable housing or community uses are being planned

How could you use the grant in your community?

If your grant is approved, you could use the funds to:

1. Retain an environmental consultant and contractors.
2. Pay for all costs associated with environmental investigations including a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.
3. Pay for all costs associated with environmental cleanups.

DTSC will pay invoices for all allowable costs.

How would you apply for this funding?

- We will create an application process
- Generally based on USEPA brownfield grants
 - Prioritize affordable housing
 - Integrate equitable development principles
 - Integrate equitable contracting principles
- Proposing on-line portal for application submittal
- Bring on a technical assistance provider to provide support for applicants



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Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities

PRESENTER: JAVIER HINOJOSA, BRANCH CHIEF



What cleanups are we proposing in vulnerable communities?

- Identify and cleanup sites to protect human health and help expand housing
- Over 7200 known dry-cleaners, often with significant solvent releases
 - 54 out of 58 counties
 - All major cities
- Dry-cleaning and other types of contaminated sites are located near residential communities
- Extensive history of releases that can pose significant health risks
- Leverage revitalization and housing investments

How are we proposing to prioritize work in your community?

- We propose to prioritize work based on:
 - Top 25 percent CalEnviroScreen
 - Very High Housing Need
 - In and near areas with residential and other sensitive uses
- Finalize cleanups at 22 known State Orphan Sites

What tools could we use to help your community?

- Collect data to identify threats
- Map sites using Geographic Information System – GIS
- Use enforcement authority to complete investigation and cleanup
- DTSC-funded work at sites where owners/operators do not have resources
- Immediate actions to protect public health
- Clear sites for use or reuse



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Workforce

PRESENTER: ANDRES MARTINEZ PH. D. SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENTIST SUPERVISOR-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS



Why establish workforce partnerships?

- Local training partnerships that will emphasize community engagement and career-building in regions of the state where the brownfields, enforcement, and cleanup actions will be taking place
- Develop an inclusive community hiring vision
- Recruit and support talent in all areas of environmental remediation project leadership and implementation

What would a workforce program look like?

- First, consult with communities and workforce development experts
- Over the next months, hold listening sessions on program design and implementation
- Identify regions where training needs will be highest and explore partnership opportunities with local colleges, universities, WorkSource Centers, and community organizations

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Brownfield and Cleanup questions to consider

- What barriers do you experience when it comes to brownfield investigation and cleanup?
- What barriers do you experience when it comes to brownfield revitalization and reuse?
- How can DTSC support brownfield revitalization?
- What tools/resources does DTSC need to facilitate your brownfield reuse process?
- How do we make these projects better for labor?

Workforce questions to consider

- How can this program be most successful in your community?
- What are the most important considerations for early planning?
- What are the most common barriers to employment in your community, and how can this program be a part of addressing those barriers?
- What tools and resources should be developed to support local workforce training and support?



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Next Steps

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What are the proposal's main actions and next steps?

- \$300 million to accelerate cleanups, expand good, safe affordable housing, and promote career-building where the cleanup actions take place
- Planning and coordination has already begun
- Public engagement helps to improve revitalization efforts
- Summarize and make available main questions and responses

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Thank you!

On behalf of DTSC, thank you for joining us!

Please stay safe and be well...