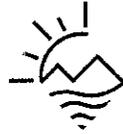


APPENDIX E

DTSC Letters



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October 23, 2009

Mr. Stephen Seely
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NIVEN NURSERY SITE, 2 WARD STREET, LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA – FINAL REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND FINAL REMOVAL ACTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Dear Mr. Seely:

The Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) has reviewed the Final Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and Final Removal Action Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan) for the Niven Nursery Site (Site), dated September 2009 and October 14, 2009, respectively. These documents were submitted on October 14, 2009 by ENVIRON on behalf of Larkspur Housing Partners, LLC. The Draft RAW, which DTSC previously released for public comment, proposed a cleanup consisting of excavation of approximately 900 cubic yards of lead-impacted soil from several areas of the Site and disposal of the excavated soil at a permitted, off-site landfill. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Sacred Sites Protection Committee, conveyed to DTSC their concerns about the potential adverse impacts of this proposed cleanup to cultural resources that have been found on the Site. Larkspur Housing Partners, the City of Larkspur, and DTSC have had several meetings with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to determine how to best address their concerns. The Final RAW includes modifications to the originally-proposed cleanup that are based on the discussions in these meetings. Specifically, the Final RAW includes provisions for any excavated, lead-impacted soil, which contains midden, to be stockpiled and screened for culturally-significant resources. The culturally-significant resources would be recovered and placed in an on-Site encapsulation cell if there is a significant amount of associated lead. The disposition of culturally-significant resources, which do not have a significant amount of associated lead, will be determined by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. The lead-impacted soil that is screened for culturally-significant resources will be disposed at a permitted, off-site landfill after the screening process is completed. The Removal Action Implementation Plan describes in more detail the procedures and

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protocols for implementing the cleanup activities presented in the Final RAW, including the measures that have been incorporated for addressing cultural resources.

DTSC comments on previous versions of the Final RAW and Final Implementation Plan have been fully addressed in the final versions of the documents submitted by Environ on October 14, 2009. DTSC is ready to approve the Final RAW and Final Implementation Plan, although DTSC cannot make its final determination under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approve the cleanup portion of the project and these two documents until the City of Larkspur completes its CEQA evaluation. As you are aware, DTSC has been planning to rely on the City of Larkspur's Environmental Impact Report for the Central Larkspur Specific Plan as its means for complying with CEQA. The City is currently performing additional CEQA evaluation to augment its Environmental Impact Report. DTSC will issue a separate letter formalizing its approval of the Final RAW and Final Implementation Plan upon the City of Larkspur's completion of its CEQA evaluation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 540-3832 or by e-mail at mpiros@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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NIVEN NURSERY SITE, 2 WARD STREET, LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA – CHANGE FROM ORIGINALLY-PROPOSED CLEANUP IN FINAL REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

Dear Ms. Kaufman:

The Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Niven Nursery Site (Site), which the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) previously released for public comment, proposed a cleanup consisting of excavation of approximately 900 cubic yards of lead-impacted soil from several areas of the Site and off-Site disposal of the excavated soil at a permitted landfill. As you are aware, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Sacred Sites Protection Committee, conveyed to DTSC their concerns about potential adverse impacts of this proposed cleanup to cultural resources that have been found on the Site. The Committee has conveyed a preference that soil not be removed from the Site to minimize the impacts to cultural resources and to ensure they remain within their territorial lands. DTSC has prepared the enclosed Responsiveness Summary which discusses this matter in more detail and which is to be included as part of DTSC's final cleanup decision document, the Final RAW.

DTSC has been working with ENVIRON, the environmental consultant for Larkspur Housing Partners (LHP), to complete the Final RAW for the Site. The concerns raised by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria necessitated that DTSC reconsider the cleanup proposed by the Draft RAW. Encapsulation of the lead-impacted soil on the Site is the only cleanup option that will allow the lead-impacted soil to remain on the Site. DTSC has approved cleanup plans for other sites where encapsulation or capping of contaminated soil has been the selected remedy. A land use covenant with appropriate limitations on land use is required when hazardous substances will remain on a property at levels which are not suitable for unrestricted use and is typically done

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along with encapsulation or capping. LHP plans to encapsulate the lead-impacted soil within the footprint of a future roadway. The lead-impacted soil will be mixed with cement prior to encapsulation. It is important to note that the lead-impacted soil will be placed beneath utilities in the roadway and will not be beneath any future residential lots.

On behalf of LHP, ENVIRON has revised the Niven Nursery RAW to include soil encapsulation as one of the removal action alternatives and to identify it as the selected alternative in place of the originally-proposed excavation and off-site disposal alternative. DTSC has also been working with ENVIRON on the details of implementing the encapsulation alternative, which will be outlined in a Removal Action Implementation Plan that will follow the Final RAW. ENVIRON has incorporated DTSC's input in the RAW and DTSC is ready to approve the document as the Final RAW.

If you have any questions or which to discuss the finalization of the RAW, please contact me at (510) 540-3832 or by e-mail at mpiros@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Piros, P.E.
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Enclosure

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**Appendix B:
Responsiveness Summary
For Draft Removal Action Workplan
Niven Nursery Site, Larkspur, California**

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY FOR DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

NIVEN NURSERY SITE LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA June 8, 2009

From December 26, 2003 to February 9, 2004, the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) held a public comment period on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Niven Nursery site (Site), located at 2 Ward Street, Larkspur, Marin County, California. The purpose of the public comment period was to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed cleanup for the Site.

The Draft RAW presented the proposed cleanup of contaminated soils at the Site. There are three areas on the Site with lead concentrations that exceed an acceptable concentration for residential land use. Currently there are plans to construct a residential development on the Site and cleanup will be performed to make the Site suitable for residential use. There are also low concentrations of DDT in some of the contaminated soil. The three areas on the Site where cleanup is required include the western portion of the former nursery and two drainage ditches. The cleanup alternative proposed by the Draft RAW was excavation of approximately 900 cubic yards of contaminated soil from these three areas and disposal of the excavated soil at a permitted offsite landfill. The cleanup alternative has been changed in the Final Removal Action Plan because of concerns about adverse impacts to cultural resources that were identified subsequent to the public comment period. This change in the cleanup alternative is further discussed later in this Responsiveness Summary.

A public notice of the Draft RAW public comment period was placed in the Marin Independent Journal on December 26, 2003. The notice announced the comment period and the location of the information repositories where the Draft RAW was available for review. An earlier public notice had indicated that the comment period for the Draft RAW began on December 12, 2003, but to ensure that the entire Site mailing list received notification and had the opportunity for review and comment, the comment period was revised. Any comments received between December 12, 2003 and February 9, 2004 were to be accepted by DTSC. A fact sheet that discussed the Draft RAW was mailed on December 23, 2003 to individuals and organizations on the Site mailing list. The list consisted of approximately 144 addressees that included key contacts and residents and businesses in the vicinity of the Site, as well as the DTSC mandatory mailing list. Copies of the fact sheet and public notice are included in Attachment A.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, and to assess the potential environmental impacts of the RAW, DTSC is relying upon the certified

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Central Larkspur Specific Plan (SCH # 2001112092) prepared by the City of Larkspur. The City of Larkspur certified the Final EIR in September 2006.

Verbal and written comments were not received during the public comment period, which is the reason none are not included in this Responsiveness Summary. Thus, no revision of the Draft RAW in response to public comments is required. In November 2008, The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Sacred Sites Protection Committee (Committee), contacted DTSC because of their concerns about potential adverse impacts to cultural resources during implementation of the proposed excavation and off-site disposal of the contaminated soil. After the Committee was provided with additional information about the proposed cleanup, they concluded that it would be directly impacting a sacred site and cultural resource located within the Tribe's territorial lands. Additionally, the Committee wished to discuss with DTSC and the City of Larkspur the steps that would be taken to ensure that Tribal monitoring is in place during the cleanup and that the safety of the monitors would be considered. A meeting was held on December 18, 2008 between Committee representatives, the City of Larkspur, DTSC, the project proponent, and the archaeological and environmental consultants for the project to discuss these issues. At this meeting, the Committee expressed a preference that soil not be removed from the Site so that any archaeological resources not be moved significantly from their original location and remain with the Tribe's territorial lands.

In response the input from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, the selected cleanup alternative in the Final Removal Action Workplan has been changed from the originally-proposed excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil to encapsulation of the contaminated on the Site. A Land Use Covenant between the project proponent and DTSC will be recorded for the portion of the Site where the soil is encapsulated and would include land use and activity restrictions. A Treatment Plan, an agreement between the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, the City of Larkspur, and Larkspur Housing Partners, LLC (the project proponent) was executed on May 4, 2009. The procedures outlined in the Treatment Plan are for the protection and treatment of Native American human remains, funerary objects, cultural and religious landscapes, ceremonial items, and cultural items. Excavation, handling, and encapsulation of the soil as part of the cleanup will be performed following the procedures outlined in the Treatment Plan.

An additional modification was made to the Draft RAW in the Final RAW. The residential soil cleanup level for lead has been revised in Section 3.2 of the Final RAW. The Draft RAW specified a range of 250 to 400 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) as the lead cleanup level. The 400 mg/kg value was based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Preliminary Remediation Goal for residential land use. Instead of the 250 to 400 mg/kg range for the lead cleanup

level, Section 3.2 of the Final RAW specifies that the residential soil cleanup level for lead for the Site will be 260 mg/kg. This cleanup level is derived from LeadSpread, an Excel spreadsheet-based that DTSC uses to evaluate exposure and the potential for adverse health effects resulting from exposure to lead in the environment. The revised residential soil cleanup level for lead is consistent with the cleanup levels that DTSC has established for other sites with lead-impacted soil.

A copy of the Final RAW is available for review at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800 (appointment necessary)
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Final RAW can also be found on the DTSC Web site at:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Information about the Site and the Final RAW can be accessed by entering Larkspur as the City and clicking on the "Report" link.

Larkspur Public Library
400 Magnolia Avenue
Larkspur, California 94939
Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(415) 927-5005

Attachment A

Fact Sheet and Public Notice

Fact Sheet
December
2003

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

State of California



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Niven Nursery Project

2 Ward Street in Larkspur

Draft Removal Action Workplan



COMMENT PERIOD NIVEN NURSERY DRAFT RAW

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this fact sheet to familiarize the community with the proposed cleanup plan for the Niven Nursery (Site) located at 2 Ward Street in Larkspur, California. This fact sheet provides information on the Site background, opportunities for public involvement, the cleanup alternatives considered and the recommended cleanup alternative.

A cleanup plan for the Site known as a draft **Removal Action Workplan (RAW)** has been prepared under the guidance of DTSC. The draft RAW recommends excavation and off-site disposal of soils contaminated with metals and pesticides.

DTSC is accepting comments on the draft RAW during a 45-day comment period. (see public comment box).

To comply with the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, and to assess the potential environmental impacts of the draft RAW, DTSC will rely upon the **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** for the Central Larkspur Specific Plan once it is certified by the City of Larkspur. The City of Larkspur is currently holding their comment period on the draft EIR. For further information on the City's comment period, see the CEQA section on page 3 of this fact sheet.

Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on the draft RAW during a 45-day public comment period from December 12, 2003 to January 26, 2004.

DTSC encourages all interested parties to comment or ask questions. All comments received will be considered and responded to before the RAW is approved and a response to comments will be prepared.

Mail written comments postmarked no later than January 26, 2004 to:

Homayune Atiqee,
Project Manager DTSC
700 Heinz Ave., Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 540-3838

Email: hatiqee@dtsc.ca.gov

The draft RAW and other related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed on the last page of this fact sheet.

DTSC may hold a public meeting on the draft RAW, if there is significant public interest and if a meeting is requested.

Contact:

Rachelle Maricq,
DTSC Public Participation Specialist at
(510) 540-3910
rmaricq@dtsc.ca.gov

***Words in bold are in the glossary,
see insert**

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demands and cut your energy costs, see our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

SITE BACKGROUND

The project site covers approximately 16.8 acres and is located at 2 Ward Street in Larkspur. For over 78 years, the Site was developed and operated as a commercial horticultural business. The neighborhood near the Site consists mostly of single-family homes with scattered commercial establishments and public facilities.

Future plans are to develop the Site with residential housing.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Niven Nursery stored and used pesticides at the Site. Underground storage tanks (USTs) also existed on the Site and were removed in 1990. A survey performed in 1998 indicated that no USTs remain at the Site.

Pesticide and metal residues believed to be associated with former commercial flower operations have been detected in soils at varying concentrations across the Site. In particular, **Lead** has been detected in the soil at levels above those considered acceptable for residential use. Lead was detected in soil near two drainage ditches and within the western portion of the Nursery. The pesticides **DDT and Dieldrin** and the metal **Arsenic** were also found in soils where the nursery greenhouses are located.

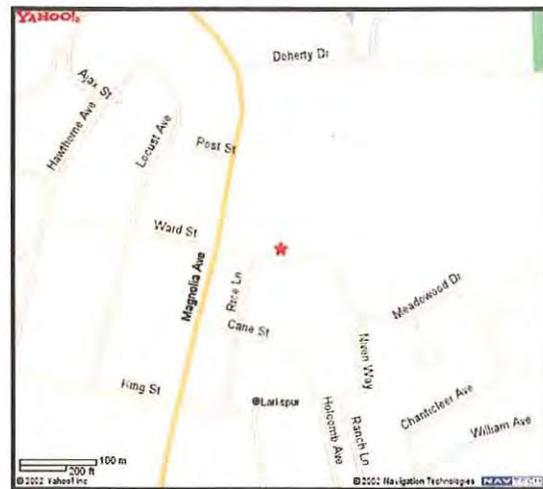
CLEANUP OBJECTIVES

The cleanup objective at the Site is to ensure that humans and the environment are not adversely affected by the presence of contaminated soils. Based on the results of site investigations, a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) was prepared that provides the basis for determining which areas of the Site require remediation. The HHRA found that pesticides and metals in

the soils, with the exception of lead, do not pose a significant health risk. Lead was detected above levels considered acceptable for residential use. A cleanup range of 250-400 parts per million (ppm) for lead was chosen for the Site.

EVALUATION OF CLEANUP ALTERNATIVES

The purpose of the draft RAW is to present a cleanup plan for soils at the Site that contain elevated levels of lead.



Site Location: 2 Ward Street, Larkspur

The draft RAW evaluates several cleanup alternatives. These were evaluated based on effectiveness, ease of implementation and cost.

The three alternatives evaluated in the draft RAW are:

Alternative 1: No Action

This alternative is a baseline for comparison with other developed alternatives.

Alternative 2: Excavation, Consolidation, and Soil Washing

This alternative consists of excavating approximately 900 cubic yards of contaminated soils from the western portion of the Nursery and two drainage ditches. The soil will be stockpiled in a separate containment area at the Site. The soils would then be washed with a chemical solution designed to leach the lead from the soils. Depending on the effectiveness of the treatment, the soils would either be used as backfill material or would be disposed of at an offsite, permitted facility.

Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal

Similar to Alternative 2, this alternative consists of excavation of approximately 900 cubic yards of contaminated soils from the western portion of the Nursery and two drainage ditches. After excavation, confirmation samples would be collected to determine if cleanup goals for lead in the soil have been met. In this alternative the excavated soils would not be reused and would be transported to an approved off-site landfill.

RECOMMENDED CLEANUP ALTERNATIVE

After evaluation of the three alternatives, the draft RAW recommends implementation of Alternative No. 3. This alternative consists of excavation of approximately 900 cubic yards of contaminated soils, off-site disposal of contaminated soils to a permitted facility and backfilling of the excavated area with clean soil imported from offsite.

This alternative is protective of human health and the environment and allows for full and unrestricted use of the Site.

CEQA

The proposed cleanup is within the area addressed by the Central Larkspur Specific Plan (Plan). To comply with the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, and to assess the potential environmental impacts of the draft RAW, DTSC will rely upon the **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** for the Central Larkspur Specific Plan once it is certified by the City of Larkspur. The public comment period for the City of Larkspur's draft EIR is currently underway. Comments on the City's draft EIR should be submitted to the City of Larkspur, to the attention of Robert Pendoley, Consulting Planner, at (415) 472-3614.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Arsenic – A metal that is naturally-occurring, but is also found in the environment due to manmade sources. Arsenic can be toxic to humans and animals if eaten or inhaled.

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), California Environmental Protection Agency – The lead government agency overseeing investigation and cleanup activities at the Site.

CEQA – A statute that mandates an environmental impact review of governmental actions taken in the State of California.

DDT, Dieldrin – manufactured chemicals widely used to control insects on agricultural crops and insects that carry diseases. They do not occur naturally in the environment. Their use has been banned in the United States because of damage to wildlife and the potential harm to human health.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – A document that discusses environmental impacts for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment.

Human Health Risk Assessment – A study that evaluates the potential human health risks posed by contaminants at a site. It calculates both the cumulative cancer and non-cancer risk.

Lead – A metal that is naturally-occurring, but is also found in the environment due to manmade sources (e.g. paint, leaded gasoline, etc.). Lead can be toxic if eaten or inhaled.

Removal Action Workplan (RAW) – A plan approved by DTSC that outlines a specific program leading to the remediation of a contaminated site. Once the draft RAW is prepared, comments from the public are solicited for a period of no less than 30 days. After the public comment period has ended and public comments have been considered and responded to in writing, DTSC approves the final remedy for the site in the final RAW.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.

For More Information

If you would like more information about the Site, please call Homayune Atiqee, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3838, or by e-mail at hatiqee@dtsc.ca.gov or Rachelle Maricq, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3910, rmaricq@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries please contact Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732, ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.

You can also visit DTSC's web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Information Repositories

The draft RAW, which is part of the Administrative Record for the Site, is available for public review at the following locations:

Larkspur Public Library
400 Magnolia Avenue
Larkspur, California 94939
Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(415) 927-5005

DTSC File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 540-3800
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Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Rachelle Maricq at (510) 540-3910.

Rachelle Maricq, Public Participation Coordinator
Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721



**INSIDE: Comments Sought on Environmental Cleanup Plan
Niven Nursery, 2 Ward Street, Larkspur**



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

**Niven Nursery Project Site
2 Ward Street, Larkspur, CA**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces the availability of the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Niven Nursery site located at 2 Ward Street, Larkspur, California. This document is available for public review and comment during a 45-day public comment period which begins on December 12, 2003 and ends on January 26, 2004.

The draft RAW was prepared under the oversight of DTSC. The draft RAW describes a proposed plan to address soils found at the site that contain pesticides and metals. The planned future use of the site is for residential development. The draft RAW proposes excavation and disposal of contaminated soils, and backfilling the excavated areas with clean soil from offsite. A Fact Sheet summarizing the draft RAW has been sent to a mailing list prepared for the site.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and to assess the potential environmental impacts of the RAW, DTSC will rely upon the certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Central Larkspur Specific Plan (SCH # 2001112092) prepared by the City of Larkspur. The City of Larkspur is currently accepting comments on the draft EIR. Comments on the draft EIR should be submitted to the City of Larkspur, to the attention of Robert Pendoley, Consulting Planner, at (415) 472-3614.

The public is invited to comment on the draft RAW during the 45-day public comment period. Written comments should be postmarked no later than January 26, 2004, and mailed to Homayune Atiqee, Project Manager, at the DTSC address indicated in the box below. You can review the draft RAW at the following repository locations:

<u>DTSC</u> 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200 Berkeley, California 94710 Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (510) 540-3800 Please call for an appointment	<u>Larkspur Public Library</u> 400 Magnolia Avenue Larkspur, California 94939 Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (415) 927-5005
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