



Council Meeting: August 9, 2011

SUBJECT: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Begins Oversight of Soil Remediation for Morse Park – INFORMATION ONLY

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) has joined the Morse Avenue Neighborhood Park Development Project and will have oversight of the site cleanup activities. The recently completed Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the park design indicates that site soils contain both lead and arsenic from previous orchards in the area with arsenic being in concentrations of concern in the upper two feet. Remediation efforts will remove contaminated soil and make the park suitable for the intended use. The Draft IS/MND report is available for public view on the city's website at the following URL:

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/PublicWorksHotTopics.aspx>

The initiation of the DTSC effort begins with a community survey of the surrounding area to determine interest in the cleanup and to solicit input from residents in the area. The DTSC typically mails the survey to residences and businesses up to a ¼ mile from the site. In this case, it will be Tasman Drive on the North, Borregas avenue on the West, Glendale and Hemlock Avenues on the South (just south of State Route 101), and North Fair Oaks on the East.

Attachment A is a copy of the DTSC cover letter and survey that was mailed to the community on Friday, August 5, 2011. Comments received will become part of the environmental documentation for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Morse Park Project consists of redeveloping approximately 5.3-acres of land, formerly known as the Fair Oaks Industrial Complex, as a neighborhood park. The property was purchased in 1990 for use as a park and is currently owned by the City.

The proposed project which includes demolition of existing buildings, soil remediation and park construction, would proceed after completion of the environmental documentation for the park.

The conceptual design for the park was approved by the City Council on June 7, 2011 (RTC 11-115).

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

Residents that attended park design meetings and requested updates regarding the project were contacted via electronic mail about the availability of this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

A. DTSC cover letter and survey



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Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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August 5, 2011

Dear Community Member,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you and to inform you about an environmental investigation at Morse Park (referred to in this letter as the "Site"). This Site includes 1010 to 1024 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale, CA. I encourage you to complete and return the brief community survey enclosed with this letter.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the regulatory agency providing oversight of the potential cleanup activities at the Site. Your response to this survey will help DTSC to determine the level of interest and conduct outreach activities to inform the community about the project.

The Site was originally orchard land and currently contains five buildings surrounded by parking lots and landscape strips. Prior tenants of the buildings were commercial enterprises including machine shops and metal fabrication. The buildings are all currently vacant and the City of Sunnyvale is planning on converting the property into a neighborhood park. Environmental testing has revealed the presence of arsenic and lead in the soil, most likely from its time as an orchard. While the lead was found to be at safe levels the arsenic is at levels that require cleaning up (which would further reduce the remaining levels of lead). Since the Site is next to residences and its future use will include play areas for children the City of Sunnyvale would like to clean up the contaminated soil. DTSC will review and approve an appropriate cleanup proposal. At that time, a fact sheet will be sent to you providing a summary of the proposed cleanup activities and giving you an opportunity to review and comment on those activities.

Please complete and return the enclosed survey by **August 19, 2010**. For further information about this Community Survey or public involvement, please contact me at (510) 540-3911 or by email at WHagen@dtsc.ca.gov. For additional information about environmental activities at the Site, please contact Alex Lee, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3844 or by e-mail at ALee@dtsc.ca.gov. For media questions, please contact Sandra Freidman, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (714) 484-5383 or by e-mail at SFreidma@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Wayne Hagen
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Department of Toxic Substances Control

Please return this community survey by **August 19, 2010**, in the enclosed, stamped envelope. Where more than one box is presented, please mark only one box.

1. Please mark your current knowledge about this Site.

- I do not know anything about this Site.
- I have heard about this Site but have little or no information on it.
- I know a lot about this Site.

2. Please mark your interest in this Site.

- I do not know anything about this Site and cannot tell you if I am interested or not.
- I have no interest. I would not be interested in information about this Site.
- I have some interest. I would be interested in hearing or reading more about this Site.
- I am very interested. I would read information mailed to me and talk to people about this Site.

3. Please mark your willingness to attend a meeting regarding this Site.

- I would not attend a meeting.
- I might attend a meeting if it was convenient for me.
- I would attend a meeting.

4. Please tell us how many times you have attended a public meeting on an issue that concerns you?

- Never
- 1-2 times
- 3-5 times
- More than 5 times

5. Do you have a language preference for receiving information about this Site?

- English
- Spanish
- Other _____

6. We want to tell you more about this Site. What is the best way to give you information?

(Check all that apply)

- Printed material and/or letters.
- By email. What is your email? _____
- Social networking sites. What social networking sites do you use?
 Facebook Twitter Myspace Other: _____
- Community meetings. When is the best time for you to attend?
 During the day In the evening On Saturday

7. We sometimes need to talk with community members to learn more about the local community perspective of this Site. Would you be willing to talk with us?

- No
- Yes → How may we contact you?

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

8. Do you know of an active community group(s) or individual(s) in your neighborhood that we should add to our mailing list? If so, please provide us with the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

9. Please feel free to add any other comments you may have about this Site or public participation.

10. If you received this survey by hand-delivery or e-mail and would like to receive more information regarding this Site, please complete the information below and we will add you to the mailing list.

By checking this box, you are requesting to be REMOVED from this mailing list. Please provide your name and address below for removal.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

We appreciate the time you have taken to fill out this survey for us. If you have questions or concerns regarding these Sites, please contact us. We want to hear from you.

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