DTSC Approves Final Piece of Cleanup at Downtown Sacramento Railyard
Plan opens door to massive redevelopment

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced today that it has approved the final cleanup plan for the Central Shops Area of the Downtown Sacramento Railyard.

This plan spells out cleanup goals and a cleanup timeframe for the final portion of the 240-acre Railyard site north of downtown Sacramento. The Downtown Railyard has been considered the largest infill development site in the country.

“The final hurdle in the cleanup of the Downtown Railyard has been cleared. This plan opens the door to massive redevelopment in the city of Sacramento, and DTSC is proud to be the lead agency on this cleanup project,” said Debbie Raphael, Director of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. “Cleaning up California’s brownfields is a significant part of DTSC’s mission because it’s good for communities, good for the environment and good for the economy.”

The former locomotive manufacturing facility, which operated from the 1860s until the 1990s resulted in releases of metals, solvents and other contaminants to soil and groundwater. Two hundred acres of the site have been remediated so far, which included removal of more than 700,000 tons of soil.

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