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Fact Sheet, July 2011

## Project Update: Notice of Fieldwork begin at Vista Montana Park

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this fact sheet to inform the community about upcoming cleanup activities at the Vista Montana Park (VMP) site, located at 55 Vista Montana, 81 Vista Montana, 305 Tasman Drive, 4145 North First Street, and 4041 North First Street, in San José, California. Equity Residential and Ross Construction will be constructing a clean soil surface cap at the VMP site. The field work includes site preparation, importing of clean soil to the site, construction of the park area cap, and construction of the garage foundation, driveway, and parking lot pavement of the multi-family residential development area. Any construction at these parcels other than the building foundations is outside of DTSC's oversight.

### Removal Action Workplan

DTSC approved a Final Removal Action Workplan (RAW) or the cleanup plan for the VMP site in May 9, 2008. The RAW was approved to address soil contamination at the VMP site from historic agricultural land use. Arsenic, lead, and dichloro-diphenyl trichloroethane (DDT) are the main chemicals of concern. The RAW describes in detail the site history and previous site investigations, evaluates cleanup alternatives, and identifies the selected cleanup alternative for the VMP site. After screening and evaluating the cleanup alternatives based on their effectiveness, ability to implement, and cost, the alternative that DTSC approved is capping of contaminated soils in place and constructing a public park and multi-family residential areas over it to prevent exposure to underlying soil. This alternative also includes implementation of a long-term Operation and Maintenance Plan, and placing land use restrictions on the three mentioned parcels of VMP site.

### NOTICE OF FIELDWORK

**Start Date: July 18, 2011**

For questions regarding this fieldwork please contact:

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## Details about the fieldwork

Since DTSC approved the Final RAW in May 2008, there has been a modification on how the chosen cleanup alternative will be implemented. Instead of excavating approximately 22,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the park parcel and placing it on residential parcels to remediate, approximately 11,000 cubic yards of clean soil will be brought to the VMP site to create a 2-foot clean soil cap across each of the following parcels:

- Park Parcel C located at 4041 North First Street
- Residential Parcel A located at 55 Vista Montana and 4145 North First Street.

Additionally, other clean fill materials, such as base rock and geosynthetic materials, will be laid on top of the clean soil at Park Parcel C to complete a 2-foot composite cap. Concrete and asphalt will be used to create garage foundations and other development features on top of the clean soil at Residential Parcel A to complete cap construction.

The development of Residential Parcels B1 and B2, located at 81 Vista Montana and 305 Tasman Drive, are not part of this phase of fieldwork.

Work will begin on July 18, 2011. Importing of soil will take approximately six weeks and the completion of cap construction will take approximately twenty weeks. The fieldwork will be done according to DTSC-approved RAW. Work will be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and the following work activities may be seen:

- Workers wearing safety gear and operating construction equipment.

- Installation of a temporary construction fence around the site.
- Large trucks entering and exiting the VMP site to bring in clean soil.
- Clearing and minor grading of existing soils to prepare for the clean soil that will be brought to the site.
- Large construction machinery used to place and compact the clean soil.
- Placement of cap materials, such as synthetic turf materials, on top of clean soil at the park parcel. The construction of hardscape surfaces, such as garage foundation, driveway, and parking lot pavement on Residential Parcel A will start after the clean soil is placed.
- Proper implementation of dust control measures and air monitoring
- Traffic along North First Street and Vista Montana adjacent to the VMP site will be affected during work hours. Traffic control, which may include lane closure and traffic direction by traffic control certified laborers with appropriate signage, will be conducted on the streets surrounding the site.

## Information Repositories

All site related documents are available for public review at the following locations:

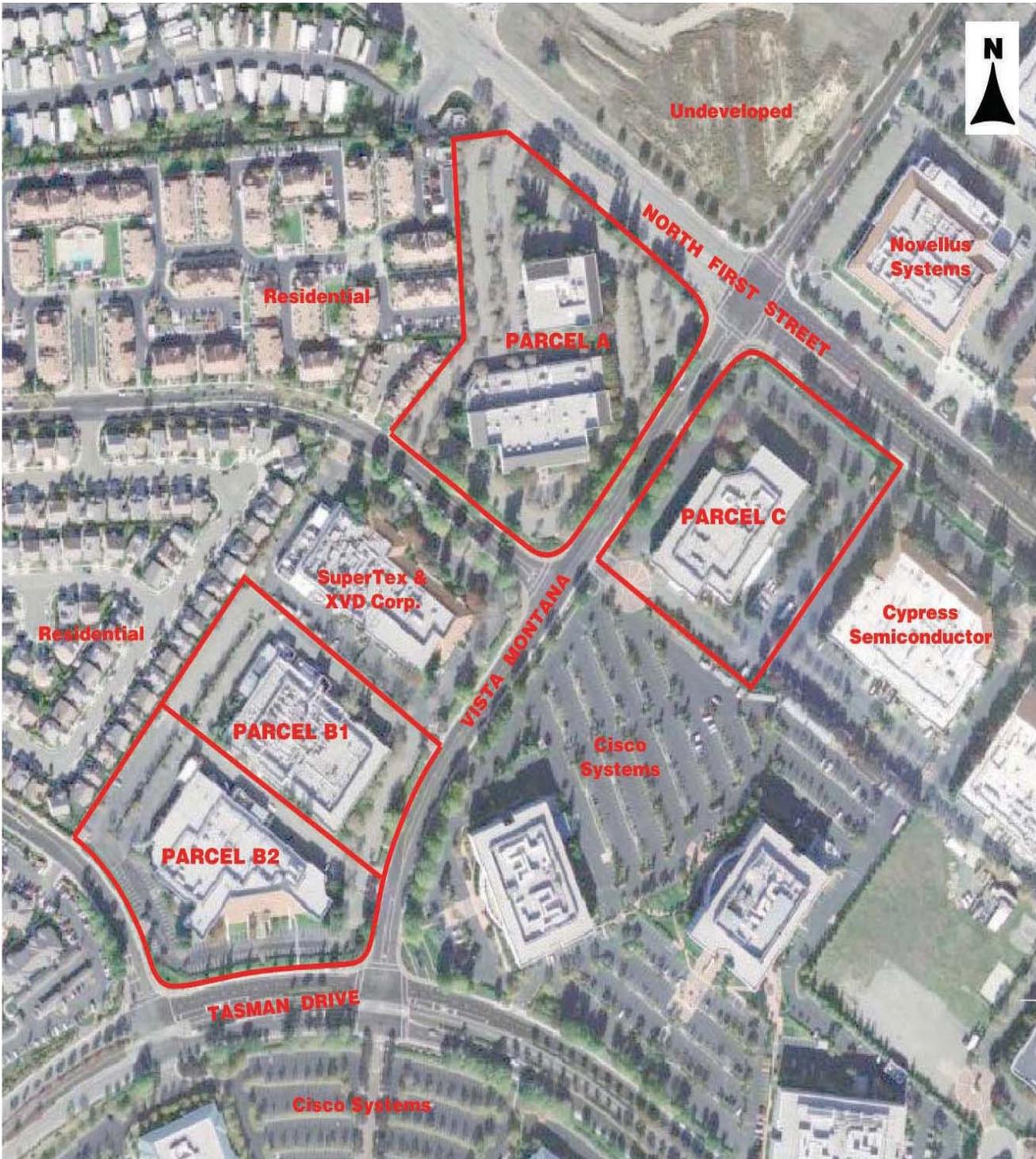
**Alviso Branch Library**  
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Alviso, CA 95002  
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**Novellus Systems**  
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**DTSC File Room**  
700 Heinz Avenue  
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(510) 540-3800 (Please call for an appointment.)

For additional information about the VMP

site, go to our Envirostor webpage at:  
<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>  
Enter "San Jose" as the City then click "Get Report." Find Vista Montana Park then click on the "Report" link next to the site name.



**Vista Montana Site Map**

## For More Information

In accordance with State and Federal law, all documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate. For more information on alternate format, or questions about the RAW please contact staff person listed below for assistance:

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