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DTSC Certifies Capitol Area Development Authority Warehouse Site

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced certification of the hazardous substances cleanup at the Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) Warehouse site located at 1108 R Street in downtown Sacramento.

DTSC's certification means that all environmental cleanup activities required by the cleanup plan, approved by DTSC, are now complete. The site is now suitable for unrestricted (residential and commercial) land use and development

"We are pleased the cleanup activities at this Brownfield site are complete and CADA can move forward with putting this location back to productive use," said DTSC Director B.B. Blevins. "CADA already has plans for 103 loft style condominiums and a parking garage at the site," Blevins added.

The CADA Warehouse site is one of many Brownfield sites throughout California where DTSC has overseen the investigation, cleanup, and certified the property for reuse. Brownfield sites are urban or rural, industrial, or abandoned properties that are contaminated or thought to be contaminated, and are often underutilized due to environmental cleanup costs or liability concerns.

CADA Executive Director John Dangberg believes this is a major step forward in the revitalization and reuse of this important historic industrial corridor. "The City of Sacramento has long targeted R Street as a district for new housing through adaptive reuse of obsolete warehouse buildings; however, site contamination has been a major impediment to realizing that vision. With the help of DTSC we now have a clean site and a green light to move forward with the first large scale warehouse style condominium project in the district."

The site was occupied from 1895 by various businesses. In 1957 a warehouse occupying the site was gutted by fire and in 1964 the burned warehouse was demolished and converted to a parking lot.

CADA began leasing the property from the State in 1978. To facilitate testing and cleanup work at the site, CADA signed a formal Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC in February of 1999.

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Soil testing in 2000 found elevated levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in and around the existing parking lot. Under the oversight of DTSC, CADA removed contaminated soil and transported it to a permitted facility.

CADA applied for and received Brownfields grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in 2002 and 2004. The grant provided monies to help remove contamination at the site. Approximately 5,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil were excavated and transferred offsite to appropriate disposal facilities in the summers of 2002 and 2004 with money provided by the U.S. EPA Brownfields grants.

CADA purchased the property two to three months ago and is working with Regis Homes of Northern California and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to develop the planned condominiums.

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