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DTSC ANNOUNCES MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT FUNDS TO BUILD HOMES AND CREATE JOBS IN BAY AREA.

SACRAMENTO- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is pleased to announce it is awarding a grant of more than half a million dollars to the City of San Jose to help build homes, create jobs, clean up a contaminated site and revitalize parts of the city.

The \$525,000 grant will help pave the way for development of the Orvieto Family Apartments development on Montecito Vista Drive, San Jose. The low-income housing development consisting of 92 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. is expected to create 139 local jobs in the first year. This exciting development will be environmentally-sensitive and will transform the underutilized infill site into a high-density residential development.

"These funds are an example of how government can help breathe new life into communities while creating local green jobs," said Stewart Black, DTSC Acting Deputy Director, Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program. "The \$525,000 grant will help to clean up the site, remove toxic chemicals from it and create clean and safe housing."

DTSC is awarding the grant from its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program. This program provides low interest loans and grants to help communities carry out clean up activities, redevelopment projects and create jobs for local workers. Click here for visuals of Orvieto Family Apartments: [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Success/upload/Brownfield_Orvieto.pdf]

In August 2010, DTSC received \$1 million in brownfields funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to help clean up contaminated sites in California known as brownfields. Brownfields are sites where development may be hindered by land contaminated, or believed to be contaminated, with hazardous pollutants. Part of those funds is now being redistributed to the Orvieto Family Apartments development.

"In today's economic environment, the demand for affordable housing continues to rise. As the population increases in San Jose, the need for developments like Orvieto are more important than ever in providing quality housing that is affordable to working families in our community," said Leslye Krutko, Director of Housing for the City of San Jose.

DTSC's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) launched four years ago, is overseen by DTSC in partnership with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the City of Los Angeles. Previous loans/grants awarded last year include:

A \$1.25 million low-interest loan to clean up lead-contaminated property at 178 Townsend St., San Francisco. This project is expected to create about 100 new construction jobs for two years. [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Success/upload/Townsend_Success.pdf]

A \$200,000 grant to clean up land for a public park as part of the Mission Bay development project between San Francisco Bay and Interstate 280. [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Success/upload/Mission-Bay_Success.pdf]

Under the leadership of Governor Schwarzenegger, DTSC has aggressively pushed brownfields restoration as a key to generating economic growth, restoring communities and ensuring environmental safety.

Click here for more details of DTSC RLF Fund program:
<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/upload/final-RLF-FACT-SHEET78-4-08-2.pdf>

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The Mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.