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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL CLEANS UP PRIME RIVERFRONT ACREAGE FOR REUSE

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) announced today that cleanup activities are complete on three Sacramento riverfront sites. DTSC approved final cleanup of three parcels in the area of Front and T Streets that will enable the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency site to participate in a new development along the Sacramento River.

“We’re always gratified to help communities restore their environments with our clean-up activities,” said DTSC Director Maureen F. Gorsen. “We’re excited that one of the sites will be part of Sacramento’s redevelopment. This brownfield cleanup project protects our groundwater and contributes to urban revitalization and economic growth. It’s a win-win for the environment and the economy.”

The combined sites total slightly less than three acres. DTSC discovered the sites through routine sampling of nearby land during investigations of the neighboring Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Sacramento Manufactured Gas Plant site. DTSC oversaw removal of contaminated soil at the redevelopment agency’s site in 1997, 2001 and 2002. The site is one of the largest parcels within the City of Sacramento’s Docks Area Project, which will renovate the area as a new riverfront mixed-use neighborhood. Similarly, DTSC oversaw soil removal from the CalTrans I-5 Q Street off-ramp and from the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District property (SMUD Front & T Streets sites) in 1999. At these two sites, a soil vapor extraction and treatment system was installed to remove chemicals from the spaces in the soil between the groundwater and the surface. The system operated until its decommissioning in 2007.

DTSC will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the site remedies. Land Use Covenants for the sites protect components of the groundwater extraction and treatment system and monitoring wells, and restrict excavation or other activities.

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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.