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DTSC Awards \$325,000 in Services to Five California Communities to Support Redevelopment

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has awarded \$325,000 in services to five California communities to support the redevelopment and re-use of property ranging from a former shooting range to an overcrowded elementary school.

DTSC selected the sites to receive environmental assessment and evaluation services through a competitive application process as part of the Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) grant program. The program aims to facilitate the redevelopment planning and reuse of brownfield sites and is implemented with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

DTSC selected the following grantees for 2013:

- **City of Pasadena** – Awarded \$75,000 to identify environmental conditions and provide information to facilitate redevelopment of a 4.88-acre former outdoor shooting range, used by the Pasadena Police Department, on city-owned property in East Pasadena. The city plans to use the property as a park/recreational area.
- **Somis Union School District** – Awarded \$50,000 to assess environmental conditions at a proposed location for a new school. The school district will be closing an old school due to potential health issues and a replacement facility is needed to house the students. “We give sincere thanks to the team at DTSC for recognizing our financial need and our facilities hardship,” said Somis Union School District Superintendent Colleen Robertson.
- **Buena Vista School District** – Awarded \$50,000 to address environmental conditions on property that will allow the district to expand an existing elementary school in Tulare to meet the needs of an increasing student population. “Having the financial assistance to cover our environmental due diligence will free-up funding for design and building,” said Buena Vista School District Superintendent Carol Mederos. “We appreciate this awesome opportunity ... We are very excited.”
- **City of Alameda** – Awarded \$60,000 to help transform a 22-acre site, previously owned by the Alameda Belt Line rail company, into a park. A nonprofit organization is being established with a sole focus of developing and maintaining a future park.

- **City of Compton** – Awarded \$25,000 and \$65,000. The former amount will be used at 413 Compton Boulevard in an effort to develop the location for commercial/industrial use. The latter amount will allow the city to build low-income senior housing at 1117 South Long Beach Boulevard, a site that once housed a gas station.

The next application period will begin in the summer of 2014.

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The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.