



Brooklyn Basin project moves ahead

An ambitious \$1.5 billion residential and commercial project in Oakland that could create 10,000 jobs – and which DTSC is [helping prepare](#) for redevelopment – cleared a major milestone when the developers closed escrow on the property on June 10, 2013.

“This redevelopment will transform property that is no longer needed for maritime use into a wonderful new neighborhood for Oakland,” said Oakland Board of Port Commissioners President Gilda Gonzales in [a news release](#).

In April, Gov. Brown announced during a trade mission to Beijing that Chinese investors agreed to invest in the project, which dates to 2003 when the Port of Oakland and Signature Development Group executed a ground lease and option to purchase a 64-acre former marine industrial area.

The project known as Oak-to-Ninth District is now called Brooklyn Basin. The proposal calls for 3,100 housing units, 200,000 square feet of retail and commercial space, 30 acres of parks and trails, and a marina with up to 200 boat slips.

DTSC is overseeing a cleanup plan approved in 2010 that calls for:

- Excavating 48,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from various hot spots;
- Covering the site with two feet of clean soil, roads and buildings to prevent direct contact;
- Installing vapor control systems on buildings to prevent intrusion of contaminated soil gas;
- Long-term groundwater monitoring;
- Land-use restrictions.

The redevelopment and cleanup are expected to take 10 to 15 years, and will occur in phases.