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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR WEST FALSE RIVER DROUGHT SALINITY BARRIER PROJECT – DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2022 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022020528)

Mr. Trang:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the West False River Drought Salinity Barrier Project (Project). The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is receiving this notice from DTSC because of the Project's proximity to the Antioch Bombing Target Site (Site). The former Antioch Bombing Target is located in an area known as Frank's Tract State Recreation Area, which is located upstream from the Project. The U.S. Government leased the Site property from 1944 until 1952. Floating targets were used by Navy aircraft pilots for dive-bombing practice that used air to ground rockets and miniature bombs. The ultimate disposition of the air to ground rockets and miniature bombs is unknown and it is possible that ordnance from practice activities remain at the Site. Per DTSC's Envirostor database, the Site has not been closed and action is required.



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DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at <u>Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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