



Gov. Gavin Newsom drinks water from the Antioch Water Treatment Plant with Antioch Mayor Lamar Thorpe on Thursday.



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Gov. Gavin Newsom visited the Antioch Water Treatment Plant on Thursday to announce a water supply strategy for a hotter and drier California. The city's Brackish Water Desalination Project, the first desalination project to be built in the Delta, is under construction at right.



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Gov. Gavin Newsom walks out of the Brackish Water Desalination Project construction site at the Antioch Water Treatment Plant with Antioch Mayor Lamar Thorpe on Thursday during a press conference where he outlined a new plan for drought and water shortages.

Newsom reveals drought, water protection blueprint

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Predicting that California's water supplies could drop 10% in the next 20 years, Gov. Gavin Newsom outlined a broad drought protection blueprint Thursday that relies on more reservoirs, recycling and other strategies. As California suffers through a third year of severe drought, the governor warned of decades of water shortages in California's future — and said California has to do more to bridge the gap.

As the climate dries out, "we have a new sense of urgency to address this issue," he said while visiting a desalination plant

under construction in Antioch. "What we're focusing on is creating more water ... moving away from a scarcity mindset to one more of abundance."

Newsom called for California to develop about 6.9 million acre-feet of new water supplies — through storage, recycling, conservation and other means — by 2040. That would be enough water to serve millions of households a year, and offset much if not all of the expected decline in supplies.

Much of the blueprint depends on projects already underway, including the construction of Sites Reservoir near the Sacramento River and six other storage projects that have

been earmarked for billions of dollars in funding from Proposition 1, the voter-approved 2014 water bond. Newsom said the state will assemble a "strike team to facilitate state permitting" and rush the projects toward completion.

He said California needs to slash "absurd" red tape that can tie up big projects. "This paralysis of process is getting in the way of progress," he said.

The plan will "adapt our water supply to a hotter and drier future, which we know is coming," said Karla Nemeth, director of the state Department of Water Resources, who accompanied Newsom to Antioch. "We have to create new water supplies

through recycling and desalination."

Most of these projects are years away. Sites, a massive new reservoir that would be built about an hour north of Sacramento, probably wouldn't open until around 2030 at the earliest. Sites would draw water from the Sacramento River, and environmentalists believe it would exacerbate the ecological problems the river is facing.

But Newsom's administration believes California needs to improve storage — above and below ground — as climate change turns the state hotter and drier. The Sierra Nevada snowpack — which acts as a second set of reservoirs, capable of releasing water during the dry months — is already diminishing as rain replaces snowfall. That makes it more vital for California to capture and store precipitation when it does fall,

the governor's administration believes.

During his visit to Antioch, Newsom applauded the city's decision to move ahead with a \$100 million desalination plant that will remove saltiness from water creeping into its water supply from the ocean. He said desalination must become "a significant part of our effort, our portfolio."

Yet desalination is expensive and often controversial. Despite Newsom's support, a major desalination plant in Orange County was shot down recently by the California Coastal Commission.

Newsom also insisted that conservation can help California cope with drought. Even though the state has fallen short of his call for 15% in voluntary cutbacks in urban use, the conservation numbers have improved in recent months, reaching 7.6% in June.

"We're moving in the right direction," Newsom said. But he repeated earlier warnings that he could order mandatory statewide cutbacks if conservation falters.

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DTSC PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Interim Removal Action Workplan for the former Sacramento Municipal Utility District Corporation Yard Available for Review

Sacramento, California
Public Comment Period: August 12, 2022 - September 12, 2022

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is sending this Community Update to inform you about the availability of a draft Interim Removal Action Workplan (IRAW) for proposed soil removal and off-site disposal associated with the former Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Corporation Yard located at 1708 59th Street in Sacramento, California (Site). The approximate 20-acre Site is in an area of varied land use. Residential neighborhoods are situated to the west, commercial/industrial developments are situated to the north and east, and U.S. Highway 50 is located to the south.

Previous environmental investigations at the Site found soil impacted with arsenic, lead, and petroleum hydrocarbons (hydraulic oil and motor oil). These investigations also showed that vapor in the soil is also impacted with volatile organic compounds — further studies are planned to establish cleanup levels for the soil vapor as part of a final remedy for the Site. Testing of groundwater beneath the Site found no evidence of contamination.

DTSC invites you to review the draft IRAW for the Site beginning **August 12, 2022 to September 12, 2022, and send comments by September 12, 2022** to: Peter Ruttan, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, (916) 255-3695, Peter.Ruttan@dtsc.ca.gov.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The "59th Street Remediation and Demolition Project" required an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). In accordance with CEQA, an IS/MND was prepared by SMUD (as lead agency) in collaboration with DTSC (responsible agency). The Draft IS/MND was made available for public review on January 18, 2022, and a public hearing in support of the CEQA public review process was held on February 3, 2022. On April 4, 2022, the IS/MND was finalized, and the document was approved by the SMUD Board of Directors on April 21, 2022. DTSC will complete an independent analysis of the IS/MND to ensure that the DTSC project was adequately evaluated and file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research upon approval of the IRAW.

Information Repositories: The repositories will include copies of the draft IRAW and related key technical and public outreach documents. The repositories include:

- Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95820; Call (916) 264-2920 for library hours
- DTSC-Sacramento Regional Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, Call (916) 255-3758 for appointment

Information can also be found on DTSC's EnviroStor database at envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov (34490015) or on the SMUD website at smud.org/59thStreet.

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Borrador del Plan de Trabajo de la Acción de Remoción Provisional para el anterior Patio de la Corporación del Distrito Municipal de Servicios Públicos de Sacramento Disponible para su revisión

Sacramento, California
Periodo de comentarios públicos: Del 12 de agosto de 2022 al 12 de septiembre de 2022

El Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas de California (DTSC, por sus siglas en inglés) envía esta actualización a la comunidad para informarle sobre la disponibilidad de un borrador del Plan de Trabajo de la Acción de Remoción Provisional (IRAW, por sus siglas en inglés) para la propuesta de remoción de tierra y desecho fuera del sitio asociada con el anterior Patio de la Corporación del Distrito Municipal de Servicios Públicos de Sacramento (SMUD, por sus siglas en inglés) ubicado en 1708 de la calle 59 en Sacramento, California (Sitio). El Sitio de aproximadamente 20 acres se encuentra en una zona de uso variado. Los vecindarios residenciales están situados al oeste, los desarrollos comerciales/industriales están situados al norte y al este, y la autopista US 50 está situada al sur.

En anteriores investigaciones medioambientales en el Sitio se encontraron suelos contaminados con arsénico, plomo e hidrocarburos de petróleo (aceite hidráulico y aceite de motor). Estas investigaciones también mostraron que el vapor del suelo también está afectado con compuestos orgánicos volátiles; se planean más estudios para establecer los niveles de limpieza para el vapor del suelo como parte de un remedio final para el Sitio. Las pruebas del agua subterránea bajo el Sitio no encontraron evidencia de contaminación.

El DTSC le invita a revisar el borrador del IRAW sobre el Sitio **que comienza del 12 de agosto de 2022 hasta el 12 de septiembre de 2022, y a enviar sus comentarios antes del 12 de septiembre de 2022** a: Peter Ruttan, Gerente de Proyectos del DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, (916) 255-3695, Peter.Ruttan@dtsc.ca.gov.

Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA, por sus siglas en inglés): El "Proyecto de Remediación y Demolición de la Calle 59" requerirá un Estudio Inicial y una Declaración Negativa Mitigada (IS/MND, por sus siglas en inglés). De acuerdo con la CEQA, el SMUD (agencia líder) preparó un IS/MND en colaboración con el DTSC (agencia responsable). El borrador del IS/MND se puso a disposición del público el 18 de enero de 2022, y el 3 de febrero de 2022 se celebró una audiencia pública en apoyo del proceso de revisión pública de la CEQA. El 4 de abril de 2022, se finalizó el IS/MND, y el documento fue aprobado por la Junta Directiva del SMUD el 21 de abril de 2022. El DTSC completará un análisis independiente del IS/MND para asegurar que el proyecto del DTSC fue evaluado adecuadamente y archivará un aviso de determinación con la oficina de planeamiento y desarrollo al aprobar el IRAW.

Depósitos de información: Los depósitos incluirán copias del proyecto de IRAW y de los documentos técnicos y de divulgación pública relacionados. Los depósitos incluyen:

- Biblioteca de Colonial Heights, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95820; llame al (916) 264-2920 para conocer el horario de la biblioteca
- Oficina Regional del DTSC en Sacramento, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826; (916) 255-3758; llame para concertar una cita.

También se puede encontrar información en la base de datos EnviroStor del DTSC en www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov (34490015) o en el sitio web del SMUD en smud.org/59thStreet.

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