City of Arts & Innovation

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Ms. Barbara Lee, Director
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Subject: Questions Pertaining to Riverside Agricultural Park

Dear Ms. Lee,

I am writing to share some questions with DTSC pertaining to Riverside Agricultural Park, as well as a few suggested improvements to DTSC's weekly updates on Riverside Agricultural Park, that were provided by the Riverside City Council during its February 2, 2016, meeting.

Clarification and answers by DTSC to the following questions would be appreciated by the Riverside City Council:

1. Have the type, depth, and limits of contaminated soils been conclusively determined at the subject site? What additional sampling and testing is necessary?
2. What is the recommended remediation for the contaminated soils?
3. What is the strategy moving forward by the DTSC to mandate, enforce, and verify the contaminated soils at Riverside Agricultural Park are properly remediated, assuring the health and safety of the area's existing and future residents?
4. What is DTSC's plan moving forward to address the neighborhood's concerns of potential contamination in the areas outside the perimeter of Riverside Agricultural Park?
5. What is the proposed schedule, as applicable, for the above noted activities?
6. Will the DTSC indemnify the City of Riverside in the event of litigation by the property's developer due to the City's Stop-Work Order?
7. Are there still old sewer lines in the ground? If so, what hazards to they pose?

In addition to these questions, the Riverside City Council would appreciate DTSC improving upon its weekly updates on Riverside Agricultural Park to make them more useful and understandable by all. Specifically, please consider the following suggestions for improvement:

1. When the weekly updates identify meetings that have occurred, can minutes or notes of those meetings be summarized as an attachment to the update or referenced via a web link? Likewise, for upcoming meetings identified in weekly updates, can a general description of the purpose of the meeting be added or agenda referenced via a web link?
2. Can web links be added to the weekly updates for any cited/referenced studies, reports, or other resources? Finding these studies, etc. on DTSC's Envirostor website isn't always an easy undertaking.

3. In general, can each item listed in the weekly updates be more fully annotated so readers can get a better understanding of the subject matter?

Thank you considering the above. We look forward to your presentation to the Riverside City Council on or about March 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact me at 951-826-5403.

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Manager

cc: Mayor
City Council
City Manager