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Mr. Mic Steinmann
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Dear Mr. Steinmann:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the South End Annexation Project. The proposed project entails the pre-zoning and annexation of seven parcels under the ownership of four separate identities, the creation of 149 single family lots, Williams Act contract cancellation and exchange process, the creation of 396 acres of permanent Agricultural Conservation Easement, and the identification and recordation of permanent agricultural land use buffers where required.

As you may be aware, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) oversees the cleanup and investigation of sites where hazardous substances have been released pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.8. As a potential responsible agency, DTSC is submitting comments to ensure that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation prepared for this project adequately addresses any investigation and remediation of hazardous substances that may be required.

The SEIR should discuss whether any Phase I or Phase II Environmental Site Assessments have been conducted for the project site and any portions of it. Table 1- Land Use Summary in the Project Characteristics portion of the NOP and Figure 2 indicate that 47 acres of the project site will be converted to low density residential land use with 149 single family lots. The SEIR should address whether this portion of the project site has been used as agricultural land and whether any pesticides may have been used. If there has been pesticide usage, residual pesticides in soil could pose a health risk to future residents. If there was possible past pesticide use, soil sampling will be necessary to determine if residual pesticides are present in soil at concentrations that could pose a potential significant risk to construction workers during development and future residents. The SEIR should summarize that results of any soil sampling that has been or will be performed and identify the screening levels that are used in

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determining whether any detected pesticides pose a potential, significant human health risk should be identified. In cases where multiple contaminants are present in soil, the cumulative risk needs to be calculated to make a determination whether there is a significant potential human health risk.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or e-mail at (510) 540-3881 or Nicole.Yuen@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Yuen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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