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**FREE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED TO LEARN HOW TO  
 REDEVELOP CONTAMINATED PROPERTY**

*The program is open to all property owners in the City and County of Sacramento.*

*Sacramento, Calif.* The Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) is offering free workshops on getting started with redeveloping contaminated property. The workshop is designed for owners of small, formerly commercial or industrial sites. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded BERC \$400,000 in grant funds to initiate the Sacramento Brownfields Assessment Project to assist owners of sites contaminated with petroleum and hazardous substances. This project is part of a joint effort between the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County to revitalize older urban neighborhoods and commercial corridors county-wide.

The workshops will offer information on the tools and resources available to redevelop contaminated property to site owners, community groups, and other interested parties. Discussion by representatives from lending institutions and redevelopment organizations on the environmental, financial, and real estate benefits of redevelopment will be included. The workshop will also provide technical information on various aspects of site redevelopment, such as the site assessment and remediation processes, sources of funding for site assessment and remediation work, and the availability of other assistance programs.

<b>BERC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE</b>		
<p><b>July 13, 2005</b>            6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            Clarion Inn            2600 Auburn Boulevard            Auburn Boulevard            Redevelopment Area</p>	<p><b>August 3, 2005</b>            6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            La Sierra Community Center            Room 800            5325 Engle Road            Near Auburn Boulevard            Redevelopment Area</p>	<p><b>August 24, 2005</b>            6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            Stockton Boulevard            Partnership            5625 Stockton Boulevard            Stockton Boulevard            Redevelopment Area</p>
<p><b>September 14, 2005</b>            6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            Robertson Community Center            3525 Norwood Avenue            Del Paso Heights            Redevelopment Area</p>	<p><b>September 29, 2005</b>            6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            Boys &amp; Girls Club            1117 G Street            Alkali Flat            Redevelopment Area</p>	<p><b>October 4, 2005</b>            6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            Sierra2 Community Room            2791 24<sup>th</sup> Street            Near Oak Park            Redevelopment Area</p>

The program is open to all property owners in the City and County of Sacramento. Priority is for sites in redevelopment areas to help spur development and investment. Registration for the workshops is not necessary. Additional details are available at [www.sacramentobrownfields.org](http://www.sacramentobrownfields.org).

**SHRA** ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 13 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing. SHRA has a FY 2005 budget of \$222 million and approximately 325 employees. The Agency approximately 3,200 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.

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