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EPA awards \$350,000 grant to Sacramento for brownfields clean up at site for new 12th Street light rail station

Sacramento, CA | The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.gov) announced Sacramento is one of 13 communities in EPA's Pacific Southwest Region selected to receive a total of nearly \$6.6 million to assess and clean up contaminated properties under the agency's Brownfields Program. These awards are part of the national announcement that 151 communities were selected to receive grant awards totaling over \$65.6 million. These funds will help under-served and economically disadvantaged communities assess and clean up contaminated properties and return them to productive reuse.

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, in partnership with the City of Sacramento, was selected to receive a \$350,000 Brownfields Cleanup Grant to transform a former commercial and industrial area into the Mirasol Village Light Rail Station on 12th Street near Richards Boulevard.

"This award will further our commitment to create a thriving new inclusive community, Mirasol Village, in the Sacramento Promise Zone by providing the missing link of connectivity and access through transit with an innovative, sustainable light rail station," said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier

A brownfield is a property for which the site's expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Mirasol Village project is a catalyst for the transformation of Sacramento's River District, turning an underutilized area into a highly functional community asset. The development leverages significant resources from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, as well as the State of California Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant. Over \$17 million of the TCC grant is secured for construction of the Mirasol Village Light Rail station once the property is cleaned up. Learn more about the Mirasol Village Redevelopment Project at www.shra.org on the Community Revitalization page.

There are estimated to be more than 450,000 brownfields in the United States. EPA's Brownfields Program began in 1995 and has provided nearly \$1.6 billion in grants to assess and clean up contaminated properties and return blighted properties to productive reuse. To date, Brownfields investments have leveraged more than \$31 billion in cleanup and redevelopment. Over the years, the relatively small investment of federal funding brought about further investment, from both public and private sources, which led to the creation of more than 160,000 jobs. # # #



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