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## Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

### Draft Final Remedial Action Plan Addendum Public Comment Period North Valley Plaza Cleaners Chico, California

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:  
February 14, 2020 to March 15, 2020**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is announcing that the Draft Final Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Addendum for the North Valley Plaza Cleaners Site (Site) is now available for public review and comment. The 6.5-acre Site is located at 801 East Avenue, Suite 250 in Chico, California. A municipal water well (Well) near the Site was contaminated with the chemical known as cis-1, 2-dichloroethene (Contaminant) due to past operations at the former North Valley Plaza Cleaners. DTSC approved the original cleanup plan in July 2010. The plan included treating the main source area for contamination, as well as monitored natural attenuation for contamination in groundwater. The Draft Final RAP Addendum will implement the final remedy with continued pumping from the Well, granular activated carbon (GAC), and a natural process to clean up the Contaminant.

Between October 2, 2015 and October 2017, an evaluation was conducted during routine operation of the Well. California Water Services Company started pumping from the Well and installed a treatment system to remove the Contaminant. This evaluation showed that because the Contaminant is expected to decline to acceptable levels, a monitored natural approach, along with operation of the Well, is the best remedy for the Site. However, as indicated in the RAP Addendum, if pumping stops at the well and if capture of contamination is no longer being achieved by the supply well, a different cleanup action will be evaluated.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration to assess potential impacts related to the cleanup of impacted groundwater beneath the Site and down-gradient from the Site for the original RAP. The proposed RAP Addendum activities are not significantly different from the initial RAP, and as such, DTSC also prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration Addendum. A Notice of Determination will be filed at the Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse. The Draft Final RAP is available for public review online [www.envirostor.dtsca.gov/public](http://www.envirostor.dtsca.gov/public) and at the following Information Repositories:

**Butte County Library**  
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propagandistic style.

There are plenty of facts and context that discredit the belief that Russia's minuscule social media posting related at all to Hillary's loss. And there are facts and context that discredit the righteousness of the attempted coup of the impeachment circus.

Reporting constrained by predetermined narratives makes for a brainwashed citizenry.

**Lucy Cooke**  
Chico

## Ballot chatter

If the Measure A parcel tax passes, CARD will take on more debt costing us \$2 million a year to service. What a waste of money!

Indexed to the CPI, the tax goes up every year, so we don't know how much we will be paying for it in 10 years. Even without a return to high inflation (and there's no guarantee of that), the compounding effect over time will be significant. Those on fixed incomes such as seniors and others whose incomes do not keep pace with inflation will be especially hurt. And the tax is regressive: those in hovels pay the same as those in mansions.

Money that should have been spent for park maintenance, new facilities and programs has been spent on unrealistic and unsustainable pension and other employee benefits. These benefits have also resulted in unsustainable unfunded liabilities.

A new tax and more debt will only postpone the problem a few election cycles when more taxes and fees will be demanded. The answer is to reform the unsustainable liabilities, but the special interests will not tolerate this, which is why they have raised more than \$60,000 to pass the tax.

For more information on Measure A, go to [chicotaxes.home.blog](http://chicotaxes.home.blog).

**Dave Howell**  
Chico

It is not the responsibility of today's voters to decide what is best for future generations, which is why I am voting no on Measure A. It is not because I do not like parks and recreational facilities; I do. However, this proposition has no end date. It lasts forever. That's wrong. We should not give CARD a never-ending source of taxpayer money without the opportunity to re-evaluate how well they are using the \$3 million they will receive every year if the measure passes.

Plus, the amount of money they

get from taxpayers will increase every single year—forever. Vote no on Measure A. Tell CARD to put in a sunset clause, which would give future Chico voters the opportunity to decide whether they want to continue to fund CARD based on the situation with parks and recreation at that time.

**Jann Reed**  
Chico

I met Tod Kimmelshue in the 1990s when he joined the team raising funds to build the Torres Community Shelter. He was effective in galvanizing support from across the community from a variety of broad-based constituency groups. I recall a conversation I had with Tod where he shared his belief that the depth of a community's concern for each other is measured by how we serve those most in need of compassion. Twenty-five years later, I recall how touched I was by Tod's sentiment and his commitment to all of the people who call Chico home.

As a former member of the City Council, from 2006-2014, the most robust conversations and thoughtful decisions took place when the council was made up of people from diverse backgrounds. I welcomed being challenged by my peers and appreciated hearing my council colleagues' perspectives as we worked together to achieve the best possible outcomes for the community. I believe Tod will bring a similar style to the dais as a member of the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

Tod is well-respected across the political spectrum in Butte County, and I believe he'll contribute a valuable voice and bold leadership to the Board of Supervisors.

**Mary Flynn**  
Chico

At the recent League of Women Voters debate for county Board of Supervisors, candidates were asked their opinion on the Schools and Communities First initiative, proposed for the November 2020 ballot. Sue Hilderbrand supported while Tod Kimmelshue opposed.

The Schools and Communities First Initiative corrects a major defect in the 1978 Prop. 13, which allows sellers of large commercial properties to create complex schemes of partial ownerships for the express purpose of avoiding paying the true market value of a property. The School and Communities First Initiative does *not* make it harder for your granny to stay in her home.

It does require CVS, Chevron and Bank of America to pay their fair share of property taxes. This initiative requires that large commercial and industrial real properties be taxed based on current market value. All residential and agricultural properties, plus small businesses worth under \$3 million, are exempted.

Tod Kimmelshue has stated that he would protect the defective Prop. 13, while Sue Hilderbrand's support is joined by community, labor, housing, health, small business and faith-based organizations. For more information, go to [schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org](http://schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org).

Vote for Sue Hilderbrand for county Board of Supervisors, District 4.

**Norma Wilcox**  
Chico

The crisis facing Democrats this year is choosing a presidential candidate who has the experience, temperament and leadership qualities needed to attract huge numbers of votes across regions and from among competing political philosophies.

The successful nominee will need to have strong presence of mind and a level of forcefulness that can deflect and neutralize the bombardment of insult and abuse that surely will be forthcoming from the current occupant of the White House. I believe the only Democratic candidate capable of meeting this test is Michael Bloomberg.

With the failure of the impeachment process, and the shameful lack of any challenge to Trump from within his own party, it is left up to Democrats to restore respectability to the office of the president and to redeem our nation's reputation on the world stage. Now is not the time to quibble over ideological purity or promote over-reaching agendas.

We'll have plenty of time for that once the crisis has passed. In the meantime, let's put up the biggest tent we can; big enough for all American voters who have had enough, and who yearn to restore decency, intelligence, maturity and common sense to the highest office in the land. I believe that Mike Bloomberg is the one person who can make that happen.

**Carl R. Ochsner**  
Chico

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