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Cal/EPA Secretary Applauds Partnership that Cleans up a Toxic Property and Brings New Jobs into the Community

Partnership with Porsche, City of Carson and Watson Land Company will create jobs and bring millions of dollars in revenue to Southern California

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Cal/EPA Secretary Matt Rodriguez released the following statement regarding Porsche of North America’s announcement that it will build an “Experience Center” for drivers of high-performance cars in the city of Carson:

“Abandoned properties contaminated with toxins are a blight on the community and a drag on our economy,” he said. “The Department of Toxic Substances Control’s (DTSC) brownfields restoration program is critical to attracting this kind of new industry and jobs to California.”

“This project demonstrates that by working cooperatively with our business partners, the State and local agencies can succeed in reinvigorating our communities by putting contaminated properties back into productive use.”

“The fact that this project will bring millions of dollars in private investment and 135 jobs into Carson shows how important coordination and innovative thinking are to the success of these types of redevelopment projects.”

According to the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the project is anticipated to generate an additional \$45.5 million in economic output in Southern California. The ongoing operations are expected to create a total of 135 jobs with labor income of \$6.8 million. In addition, ongoing operations will generate an annual \$22.5 million in economic activity in Southern California.

The 52-acre site in Carson operated as a landfill until 1960, and was then split by the 405 freeway and used as a golf course and apartments. DTSC, which is part of Cal/EPA, entered into an agreement with the property owner, Watson Land Company, to oversee cleanup.

DTSC will ensure that contamination left over from the landfill operation is identified and addressed so it does not present a health risk to those using the new facility, or to the environment.

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Typically, cleanup plans for landfill sites include containment alternatives such as a landfill cap, landfill gas collection systems and groundwater containment systems. The results of DTSC's investigation will determine what approaches are needed. DTSC will work with Watson Land Company environmental consultants and the Porsche designers to ensure that the cleanup and development plans complement each other and protect public health.

The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

The California Environmental Protection Agency is charged with developing, implementing and enforcing the state's environmental protection laws that ensure clean air, clean water, clean soil, safe pesticides and waste recycling and reduction. Our departments are at the forefront of environmental science, using cutting-edge research to shape the state's environmental laws. Cal/EPA is home to the California Air Resources Board, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

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