



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No.** _____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(EIR) FOR THE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION (CLEANUP) PLAN,
OFFSITE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE EXIDE PRELIMINARY
INVESTIGATION AREA

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Permitting Division is the lead agency overseeing the preparation of a Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) associated with Exide Technologies Battery Recycling Facility located in the City of Vernon. As part of the process, DTSC is soliciting comments on the DEIR. The comment period for the documents started in December 2016 and ended on February 15, 2017.

After considering all comments received, DTSC will select and implement the preferred cleanup alternative in a manner consistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Superfund Lead-Contaminated Residential Site Handbook.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must evaluate and consider the potential environmental impacts associated with activities planned as part of the Remedial Action Plan. To assist in the analysis, staff solicited the assistance of an environmental consultant to review the documents discussed herein on behalf of the City. On February 15, 2017, staff provided its comments on the DEIR to DTSC. Pursuant to CEQA, DTSC will create a point-by-point response to all comments received, including those submitted by the City of Commerce. These comments and responses thereto will be part of the Final EIR.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is consistent with Community Quality of Life Guiding Principle 5 and the Environmental Compliance, Monitoring, & Reporting Action Item which focus on fostering environmentally conscious initiatives, and City oversight of environmental as well as environmental compliance.

Recommended by: Maryam Babaki, Director of Public Works & Development Services
Approved as to form: Eduardo Olivo, City Attorney
Respectfully submitted: Jorge Rifá, City Administrator

ATTACHMENT:

- 1) 2/15/17 – City Comment Letter to DTSC