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	Comment	Response
1	<p>The Work Group and all associated support (eg. CCAEJ, City, EPA, OEEHA etc.) are treated as equal partnership in all meetings and that all members including DTSC staff participating in meetings sit all together at a table. This also includes authentic collaboration which means shared leadership and shared agenda. That each member take part in defining the problems, develop solutions and make decisions together.</p>	<p>DTSC is in agreement that members of the Work Group and all associated support agencies are partners in this initiative, and that authentic collaboration is the goal. As a regulatory agency responsible for making decisions for the protection of human health and the environment, DTSC cannot delegate its decision making responsibility or authority. However, we are committed to working with the Work Group and the community in an effort to define problems and develop solutions.</p> <p>DTSC has engaged the services of a facilitator to further encourage communication and collaboration. DTSC will also be setting up pre-meetings with the Work Group to discuss agenda topics and other items as needed. With these adjustments, DTSC hopes to engage the Work Group in a meaningful partnership.</p>
2	<p>To have honest dialogue between all parties- provide answers and promote transparency. For DTSC to promote transparency and honesty.</p>	<p>DTSC agrees that an honest and factual dialogue between all parties, and the promotion of transparency, are key aspects of the success of this Work Group.</p>
3	<p>That documents be available to the Work Group Members in a timely fashion. Such documents may include letters, community updates, sign-in sheets, tests results (Map with most recent results). Includes Air Monitoring Plan to protect residents living around the Ag Park Site.</p>	<p>DTSC will continue to make documents available to the Work Group, and in a manner that is as timely as possible. Final documents and correspondence will continue to be posted to DTSC's informational database referred to as EnviroStor on a routine basis. To increase accessibility, DTSC proposes the increased use of EnviroStor's Community Involvement page and the DTSC Ag Park web page (www.dtsc.ca.gov/AgPark) to view documents. DTSC has set up an E-List where interested parties can provide their e-mail address for electronic updates, and the link to sign-up to receive this service is included on the aforementioned web address.</p> <p>DTSC will seek input from legal counsel regarding the request to share sign-in sheets and e-mail addresses of attendees to ensure that privacy of attendees is not in any way violated.</p> <p>DTSC also proposes that a portion of a future Work Group meeting be utilized to demonstrate how to access documents on EnviroStor. Such a tutorial may be useful to interested community</p>

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		members who are not familiar with this information portal.
4	Develop a Safety Plan for the community before any Clean-up begins.	DTSC's Air Monitoring Plan, the Response Plan, and the Soil Sampling and Excavation Plan are designed to address potential community dust/air impacts during the implementation of the cleanup. Dust mitigation and air/dust monitoring are important components of this plan, which has been reviewed by DTSC, EPA, and CalEPA.
5	Public Comments should be at the beginning of the meeting with each community member given 2-3 minutes to voice concerns for the first 30 minutes of the meeting. And, if there is time left over from the meeting, that time be spent for public comment.	DTSC agrees that public comments should be incorporated in every meeting. However, the placement on the Agenda should be flexible from meeting to meeting. At the end every meeting, DTSC will collaborate with the Work Group on the Agenda topics for the next meeting.
6	All agency and support alliances be responsive to questions asked either at the meeting or provide a response within one week from the Meeting date.	DTSC agrees that all support agencies should be responsive to questions and should provide answers in a timely manner. However, the timing of the responses will be commensurate to the questions. Some questions will require more time for a detailed and meaningful response, while others will require less time.
7	A work plan to be developed to test residential homes around the Ag Park. A Health Risk Assessment is not adequate to determine health impacts. It is a responsibility for DTSC to ensure that PCBs and other contaminants of concern from the AG Park have or have not impacted the health of residents, the only way at this juncture in time is to have residents homes be tested. (eg. Exide Project-tested homes for lead exposure)	DTSC is currently in the process of developing a plan to address the question of whether or not PCB contaminated dust may have moved from the Riverside Ag Park and settled in the neighborhood. A concept of this process was presented at the July 13 th meeting. The presentation is available at www.dtsc.ca.gov/AgPark .
8	A work plan to include Health Plan for Residents	Health plans for residents is not within DTSC's area of expertise or regulatory jurisdiction. This topic will require further discussion within the Work Group. Upon further discussion of this request with the Work Group, DTSC may need to approach another agency who is better equipped to address the request.

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9	A "Letter of Notice of Meeting Date, Time and Location" for each meeting to be mailed to all residents living within one mile of the Ag Park Site-the mailer should be sent out two weeks from the meeting date.	DTSC sent out a Public Notice for the July 13 th meeting, and will continue to do so for future meetings. DTSC will also publish the notice on DTSC's website and sending it to the E-List subscribers. The current mailing list is based on a one (1) mile radius, and includes over 3,000 addresses.
10	That minutes should be taken at each meeting- and copies provided for all associated support members.	Given the highly interactive nature of the meetings, formal meeting minutes have not been taken. Starting with the August meeting, DTSC proposes that action items and proposed Agenda topics for the next meeting will be discussed. DTSC will make the action items and proposed and/or confirmed agenda items available electronically to all interested parties.
11	That all questions and answers given during the meeting be documents and given to each Work Group Member and Support alliances (CCA EJ, EPA etc.)	As noted above, minutes of the meeting will be prepared. The approved minutes will document conversations and will be made available to all interested parties.
12	Provide a "living" calendar of events - of what is happening regarding all activities at the site. And any important need to know information.	As described above, documents will be made available at www.dtsc.ca.gov/AgPark . Community members who sign up for the E-List will receive periodic updates of events and activities.
13	Set up the Meeting Room to ensure equitable communication. Make a large square with tables and all work group members, support alliances (CCA EJ; EPA etc.) and all DTSC are sitting around the table. And community members sitting around the outside of the square.	DTSC will take this request under consideration when setting up the meeting room facilities. Adjustments may need to be made based on the agenda, and the availability of meeting room resources.
14	Ensure meeting locations are near the Ag Park. The Work Group-if you communicate with them, can help find suitable meeting locations.	The Norte Vista High School as well as the Arlanza Community Center are within a mile of the Ag Park and within the northern Arlanza neighborhood. Based on this request, other venues such as the Arlanza Branch of the Riverside Public Library will be explored.
15	For the next meeting on July 13th – have responses to questions available for all group members by the following Monday, July 18th, 2016.	DTSC is working on responses to the community question list that was developed during the June 6 th meeting. DTSC proposes that answers to questions on the list be discussed at an upcoming Work group meeting.
16	Develop "Communication Rules" together. (Such as, be respectful, one person at a time, talk, Step Up or Step Back, Discuss the issues, not attack the person...etc.)	DTSC is in complete agreement with this suggestion. No member of the public should be made to feel unwelcome and unable to participate, and all participants in the meeting including regulatory staff should be treated with respect and courtesy.

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		<p>We feel strongly that the communication rules that were jointly established at our July 13th meeting should be strictly followed to facilitate a productive and collaborative environment.</p>
17	<p>Closing Statement: The Ag Park Work Group takes these series of meetings very seriously. We need to ask the question of DTSC and all other support groups involved-“Are We Taking Action or Just Going Through the Motions”. We don’t need to be told this is a “Courtesy Call or Meeting”. All Ag Park Residents deserve to have their voices heard, to be listened to and be provided full complete information regarding any clean-up activities. DTSC’s mission should be to take serious and most effective actions to protect residents from toxic harm during the next clean-up phase, this also includes testing for PCBs and other contaminants of concern be conducted for homes surrounding the Ag Park so that residents could be relieved of the fear of past exposures and/or take mitigation measures to ensure good health and quality of life.</p>	<p>This Work Group has been established as in response to concerns that have been vocalized by members of the community. DTSC is committed to creating an open dialogue with those who wish to engage in a collaborative discussion about community issues.</p> <p>DTSC will move forward with a plan for the evaluation of the neighborhood surrounding the Ag Park in consultation with the U.S. EPA and other regulatory agencies, as well as the Ag Park Neighborhood Work Group. DTSC is in the process of engaging the health agencies, who have a greater level of expertise in addressing community health questions.</p>

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RE: AG Park Work Group Requests

Summary: The following Ag Park Work Group Members met on July 5, 2016 at the Riverside CCAEJ Office to discuss their concerns regarding future DTSC and Work Group Member meetings, the participants involved were: Marilyn Whitney, Scott Andrews, Richard Wall, Dee Wall, My Nguyen, Maria Castro, Orlando Recinos and Pastor Bob Gano. The Work Group developed a list of requests and concerns to be shared with DTSC Public Participation Staff, Project Manager(s), Project Supervisors, Division Chiefs and Assistant Director for Environmental Justice.

Concerns and Requests:

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- Public Comments-should be at the beginning of the meeting with each community member given 2-3 minutes to voice concerns for the first 30 minutes of the meeting. And, if there is time left over from the meeting, that time be spent for public comment
- All agency and support alliances be responsive to questions asked either at the meeting, or provide a response within one week from the meeting date.
- A work plan to be developed to test residential homes around the Ag Park. A Health Risk Assessment is not adequate to determine health impacts. It is a responsibility for DTSC to ensure that PCBs and other contaminates of concern

from the AG Park have or have not impacted the health of residents, the only way at this juncture in time is to have residents homes be tested. (eg. Exide Project-tested homes for lead exposure)

- A work plan to include Health Plan for Residents
- A "Letter of Notice of Meeting Date, Time and Location" for each meeting to be mailed to all residents living within one mile of the Ag Park Site-the mailer should be sent out two weeks from the meeting date.
- That minutes should be taken at each meeting-and copies provided for all associated support members.
- That all questions and answers given during the meeting be documents and given to each Work Group Member and Support alliances (CCAIEJ, EPA etc.)
- Provide a "living" calendar of events-of what is happening regarding all activities at the site. And, any important need to know information.
- Set up the Meeting Room to ensure equitable communication. Make a large square with tables and all work group members, support alliances (CCAIEJ; EPA etc.) and all DTSC are sitting around the table. And, community members sitting around the outside of the square.
- Ensure meeting locations are near the Ag Park. The Work Group-if you communicate with them, can help find suitable meeting locations.
- For the next meeting on July 13th, have responses to questions available for all group members by the following Monday, July 18th, 2016.
- Develop "Communication Rules" together. (Such as be respectful, one person at a time talk, Step Up or Step Back, Discuss the issues, not attack the person...etc.)

Work Group Members
July 26, 2016

Closing Statement: The Ag Park Work Group takes these series of meetings very seriously. We need to ask the question of DTSC and all other support groups involved, "Are We Taking Action or Just Going Through the Motions". We don't need to be told this is a "Courtesy Call or Meeting". All Ag Park Residents deserve to have their voices heard, to be listened to, and be provided full complete information regarding any clean-up activities. DTSC's mission should be to take serious and most effective actions to protect residents from toxic harm during the next clean-up phase. This also includes testing for PCBs and other contaminants of concern be conducted for homes surrounding the Ag Park so that residents could be relieved of the fear of past exposures and/or take mitigation measures to ensure good health and quality of life.

Respectfully,

Riverside Ag Park Work Group

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