

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

BLOOMFIELD AVENUE PROPERTY, GILROY, CA

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Property Information

Address Adjacent to
1500 Southside Dr.
Gilroy, CA 95020

County Santa Clara

Size 366.1 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The City of Gilroy, located south of San Jose, California, will be the future home of a California High Speed Rail station. The city is exploring options to support the maintenance and emergency training needs of the high-speed rail station, including investigation of this property for redevelopment. EPA supports projects that maximize use of existing infrastructure, and in the case of this technical assistance, can serve as a model for other California cities planning for high-speed rail stations.

Property Information

The property is composed of agricultural land and wetlands and has been maintained as agricultural land since 1953. Mission Ranches Company LLC of King City, California, currently leases the property for agricultural use.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and costs. An EPA-funded environmental assessment of this property included soil sampling to identify environmental concerns associated with the past use of the property and surrounding properties, including the potential presence of organochlorine pesticides and arsenic used as pesticides in the early 20th century. The soil sampling results did not identify organochlorine pesticides or arsenic concentrations in soil above human health screening levels. **Recommendation:** No additional assessment work or cleanup is required for future redevelopment of the property.

Future Use

The City of Gilroy is considering reuse of this property as a maintenance yard and emergency training facility for the California High Speed Rail system.

