



Region 9
Pacific Southwest

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Rio Vista–Army Base, Rio Vista, California

October 2025



PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

Rio Vista is a city in Solano County, California, with a population of about 10,000. Most residents in Rio Vista are on a fixed income. Rio Vista is about 25 percent developed and is a growing community. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) places a high priority on providing Brownfields technical assistance for the people living in these communities.

Property Information

The property is on Beach Drive along the Sacramento River in Rio Vista. The U.S. Army developed the property in 1911 and used the property as a military reserve center until closure in 2002. In 2003, the City of Rio Vista acquired the property. The City of Rio Vista currently owns the property. The property has 12 vacant buildings formerly used for storage, maintenance and training. Contaminants associated with former pesticide use and building construction may be present at the property.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historical property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify potential environmental concerns. The EPA-funded environmental assessment evaluated potential contamination and conditions at the property considered for planned redevelopment or reuse. The assessment included soil sampling and a hazardous building materials survey. The assessment confirmed lead and pesticides in soil and lead and asbestos in building materials.

Recommendations

Address contaminated soil by (1) removing and disposing of the soil off site, (2) using land use controls, or (3) consolidating and covering the soil to limit exposure or further release to the environment. If soil is removed, more testing of the stockpiled soil should be done before disposal. Address hazardous building materials by removing and disposing of the building materials off site.

Future Use

The City of Rio Vista is exploring reuse options for the property which may include recreation, tourism, and other potential uses.



Property Information

Address Beach Drive
Rio Vista, California

County Solano

Size 28 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

City of Rio Vista

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