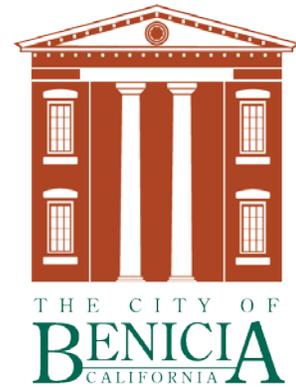


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## **City of Benicia Announces Settlement with California Department of Toxic Substances Control in Clean Up of the Lower Arsenal**

**Benicia, CA (November 20, 2018)** — The Mayor and City Council announced today that the City has reached a settlement with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”) regarding the clean up of the lower Benicia Arsenal area. The City has been working since 2010 to have the Federal government clean up hazardous chemicals left behind from the days that the U.S. Army occupied the historic Benicia Arsenal. The Lower Arsenal area of the Benicia Arsenal is an important area of the City for economic development and reuse, and progress has been hindered by the contamination left behind by the U.S. Army.

Under the proposed settlement with DTSC, the City will pay \$161,000 to DTSC and will provide a \$26,000 credit on permit fees for DTSC clean up work. Using these settlement funds and funds from other responsible parties, DTSC will be working to remediate the area properly.

The City Council's goals of ensuring that local property owners were not pitted against one other and avoiding the cost of needless litigation have been achieved through this negotiated settlement. Mayor Patterson stated, “The protection of public health and safety has been accomplished with City leadership. Our vision brought together property owners, the State of California and the Federal government to find a path that protects public health from toxins such as TCE. At the same time, we avoided disrupting existing economic activity. We succeeded because of the trust we earned from all parties.”

The start of the site remediation work is not certain at this time.

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