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SENT VIA EMAIL

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**ESTIMATED OVERSIGHT COSTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, CALIFORNIA
WESTERN RAILROAD, FOOT OF LAUREL STREET, FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA
(520041)**

Dear Mr. Pinoli:

Section 25269.5 of the California Health and Safety Code requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to provide a cost estimate for regulatory oversight activities at the California Western Railroad site (Site), located at the Foot of Laurel Street, Fort Bragg, California. Enclosed are the schedule of expected activities and an estimate of staff hours and costs for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 which starts July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. The hourly rates used in the cost estimate are DTSC's current contract estimation rates. The schedule and cost estimate will be updated as necessary to reflect changes to the project or the rates.

Please note that this is not an invoice, only an estimate of projected costs, prepared with various assumptions regarding activities and deliverables. DTSC will issue invoices based on actual costs. Mendocino Railway remains liable for all response costs incurred by DTSC pursuant to *Health and Safety Code Section 79650 et seq.*, and the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.* DTSC reserves all rights to pursue cost recovery under any, and all applicable provisions of state or federal law.

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We hope this, and future cost estimates will be useful in your fiscal and project planning. If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 589-2981 or via email at katherine.henry@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Katherine Henry
Project Manager

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Attachments: *Fiscal Year 2025-2026 DTSC Cost Estimate Worksheet*
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Gantt Chart

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**Department of Toxic Substances Control
COST ESTIMATE FY 2025/2026**

SITE: CALIFORNIA WESTERN RAILROAD (80001451)

SITE CODE: 520041

PROJECT MANAGER: KATHERINE HENRY

THIS ROW IS FILTERED TO SITE CODE(S):

							FY 2025/2026																
OU NAME	AREA	ACTIVITY TITLE	DOCUMENT TYPE	START DATE	TOT HRS	TOT \$	Project Manager	Supervisor	Engineering	Geology	Toxicology	Industrial Hygiene	Public Participation	Legal	CEQA	OEJTA	UXO	Financial Assurance	Admin Proj. Manager	Clerical	Travel \$	Contracts \$	
PROJECT WIDE		RFI Report Addendum	RFI Report	01/01/2023	24	\$6,819	8	3	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	\$0	\$0
PROJECT WIDE		Well Installation Work Plan	Technical Workplan	03/22/2024	20	\$5,573	8	3	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	\$0	\$0
PROJECT WIDE		Investigation Work Plan	Technical Workplan	03/22/2024	28	\$8,065	8	3	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	\$0	\$0
PROJECT WIDE		Project Management - FY 25/26	Project Management (Confidential)	07/01/2025	16	\$4,284	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
PROJECT WIDE		Annual Oversight Cost Estimate - FY 25/26	Annual Oversight Cost Estimate	04/20/2026	3	\$823	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Project Management					0	\$0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Totals					91	\$25,564	38	14	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	\$0	\$0
Hourly Rate							\$248	\$327	\$347	\$347	\$276	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$116		
Cost							\$9,424	\$4,578	\$0	\$6,246	\$4,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$348	\$0	\$0
Grand Total							\$25,564																

