



NEW SCHOOL SITE, EMERYVILLE CENTER OF COMMUNITY LIFE

Baseline was retained to prepare Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration hazards, geology, and hydrology sections for a proposed major renovation of the Emery High School in Emeryville called the Emeryville Center of Community Life (ECCL). The hazards analysis revealed that the High School site was the former location of numerous commercial and light industrial facilities that might have affected the soil, groundwater, or soil gas underlying the proposed location of the ECCL (e.g., lead-based paint, arsenic, organochlorine pesticides, petroleum hydrocarbons, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds). As a result, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was involved to oversee subsurface investigations as part of the redevelopment process. The process involved the preparation of a Phase I investigation and subsequent field activities. Specifically, Baseline performed the following tasks under DTSC oversight:



- Preparation and approval of an investigation workplan, which included collection of soil, groundwater, and soil gas samples;
- Preparation of a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) including the results of a the subsurface investigation and a screening-level risk assessment;
- Development of a Community Profile and organizing public outreach;
- Preparation of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for public review and responding to comments to complete a Final RAW;
- Preparation of the CEQA document;
- Coordination with contractors retained by the District to develop a methodology for remediation of soil and soil gas; and
- Working cooperatively with DTSC staff, including toxicologists, geologists, and public participation specialist to achieve completion of the process in an accelerated manner that would ensure that the construction schedule was not delayed.

