

Port of Stockton Board of Port Commissioners
 315 Fyffe Avenue, Stockton CA 95203
 Via mrodriguez@stocktonport.com

7.20.2026

Re: Hazardous Materials and Public Safety information

The Delta-Sierra Group within the Mother Lode Chapter, of the Sierra Club (DSG) has over 600 members throughout San Joaquin County many of which reside in the City of Stockton. Three of our active members are serving on the Stockton AB 617 Steering Committee and are involved with air pollution concerns and participate in the Stockton Port Outreach Committee.

DTE Biomass Stockpiles and Operations

We have expressed concerns with regards to the DTE Biomass Co-generation operations – relating to wood chip piles located on the north side of Washington St and to emissions that people are able to smell and see though when the SJVAPCD arrives from Modesto CA to follow up on complaints they are not able to verify and state that the internal electronic sensors do not detect any pollutants, above permitted limits. Example picture on the right taken 1.20.2026 at 3:53 PM.

A recent report of stationary sources continues to show that DTE is a significant source of air pollutants in our community and reassurance is needed that the same fire due to high temperatures that occurred recently at a biomass storage area in Oregon will not happen at the Port where other hazardous materials and wastes are handled.



Facility Information for DTE Stockton, LLC for 2024¹

FACID/ FSIC	Facility Address	TOG Tons	ROG Tons	COT	NOXT	SOXT	PMT	PM10T
645/ 4911	2526 W Washington ST, Stockton CA 95203	5.444	2.507	135.512	114.120	3.059	19.697	17.039

Information from the Oregon 2026 Fire

Jackson County Fire District 3²
July 13 at 2:46 PM ·

Update at 7:25pm | All units have cleared and the scene has been turned over to Biomass for continued mopup. This will be the final update on this incident.

Update at 6:05pm | Avenue G has reopened. We have several units still on scene.

¹ <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/applications/facility-search-tool>

² <https://www.facebook.com/JCFD3.OR/posts/pfbid0aLc5ca6DHj9E7WGsz8jQvsZ7VLjq1o1iJBEdKNh3p3GVZzBV1zMQEdecWq5pd1Gl?mibextid=wwXlfr>

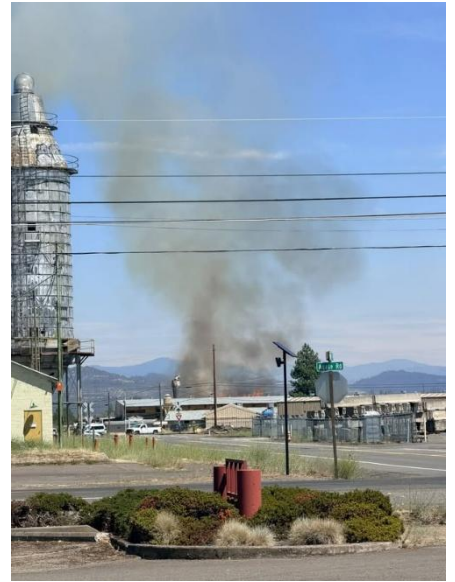
Update 4:30pm | Crews continue to make progress on the Biomass pile fire. The pile is cooling, but extensive overhaul operations remain underway as firefighters work to fully extinguish hot spots.

Update at 3:45pm | Crews remain actively engaged with suppression efforts. Engines, an aerial ladder truck, multiple heavy brush and brush units are being utilized. The fire is currently contained to the vegetation piles. A wind shift has driven smoke to the south, creating visibility challenges. Avenue G remains closed between Agate Road and Highway 62 to allow hose across the roadway to connect to hydrants. We expect to be on scene for an extended time.

Thank you to our partners for mutual aid assistance and road closures.

**Medford Fire Department Jacksonville Fire Department ODF
Southwest Oregon District Jackson County Sheriff Oregon Oregon
State Police**

Update at 2:49pm | The fire has been upgraded to a 3rd alarm. Please avoid the area, traffic is being routed to Antelope Road and Linn Road.



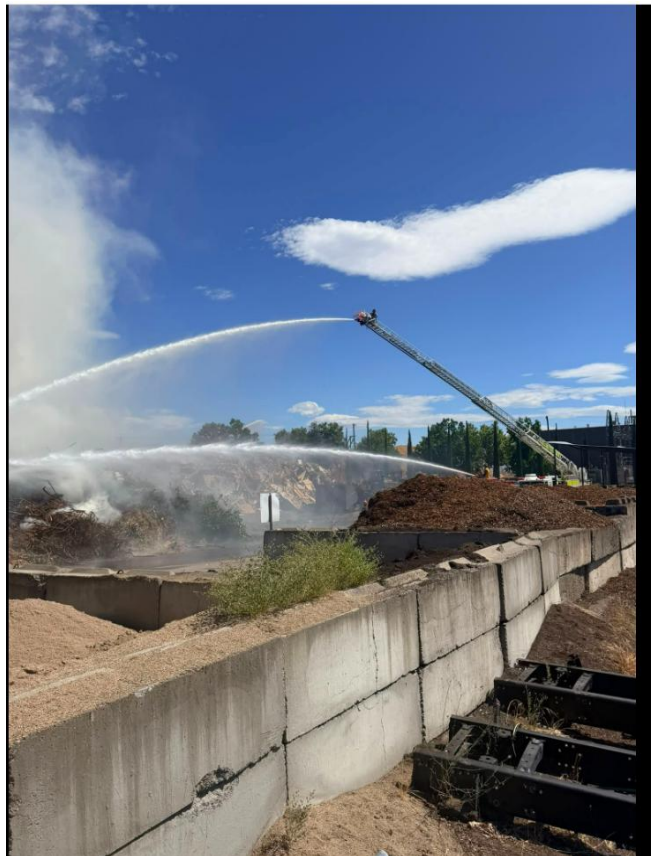
HAPPENING NOW | 2:31 PM | July 13, 2026

Crews are on scene of a pile fire at Biomass in White City (2350 Avenue G). Additional resources are responding, and the incident has been upgraded to a 2nd alarm.

Road Closure: Avenue G between Agate Road and Highway 62 is closed. Please use alternate routes and avoid the area to allow emergency personnel to work safely.

We will provide updates as more information becomes available.





Golden Mussel Impacts on Water Supplies

The City of Stockton recently declared an emergency due to evidence and concern that the Delta Water Supply Intake was impacted by golden mussel attachment.

GOVERNMENT

Stockton declares emergency as golden mussels threaten water supply

Hannah Workman The Stockton Record

June 30, 2026 | Updated July 1, 2026, 2:09 p.m. PT

In the Sierra Club Delta-Sierra Group's 11.12.2024 comment letter regarding the Notice of Preparation for the Nevada Cement LLC Draft after golden mussels were first discovered at the Port of Stockton, we requested further information regarding fire capabilities.

The invasive species, golden mussel, was reported to have been identified at the Port of Stockton for the first time attached to equipment and buoys during recent routine water quality tests.³ The species is transported on ships' hulls and in ballast water that is drained in ports.

As the Port takes water from the San Joaquin River for most non-domestic Port development needs, these mussels could have colonized the Port's firefighting infrastructure so the DEIR must consider how the increased marine vessel trips will not further add to the invasive species threat to water quality and how firefighting abilities have not been compromised.

Additionally, the DEIR should include a characterization of fire hydrants around the perimeter of the project site and within the site to show through water flow tests that fire flow is adequate for the intended project as determined by the Stockton Fire Department. Operational requirements per NFPA 24 and California Fire Codes standards should be referenced when developing the site safety plan that should be included in the DEIR.

We have heard during Port Outreach Committee meetings that there have been inspections of the fire water intake piping and that flows were still allowed, though the extent remains unclear.

YARA Lease

We brought to the Port of Stockton's attention the USEPA settlement of CALAMCO environmental law violations another fertilizer business which the Port of Stockton was unaware because there were no conditions in their lease that required disclosure of environmental violations. The company came and spoke about their operations but not specifically what their plans were to comply and how the community was to stay further informed.

Today, the Port Commission Board will consider approving a lease with Yaro to continue liquid and dry fertilizer import and distribution activities and which includes requirements for Port of Stockton

³ [Invasive mussels could harm California Delta ecosystem and add to water costs. Ian James Los Angeles Times, 11.6.2024](#)

notification if the company is found in violation and provisions that the Port of Stockton plan's to perform periodic audits as indicated in the Lease excerpts below

5.7.

Notice of Violation. Tenant will notify Port in writing immediately whenever Tenant receives notice from any regulatory agency that Tenant is or may be in violation of the terms of any Laws. Tenant's notice to Port will include a copy of the notice from the regulatory agency.

13.4.1. Required. From time to time during the term of this Lease, at Port's written request, which requests will be delivered not more often than once every 7 calendar years, Tenant will prepare, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, an Audit of the Premises prepared by a qualified, licensed and independent environmental consultant or engineer reasonably acceptable to Port. The Audit will be delivered to Port within 90 days of Tenant's receipt of Port's request to prepare the Audit; provided, however that if such Audit cannot be completed in the 90 day time frame, so long as Tenant is proceeding with diligence to procure the Audit, Tenant shall have a reasonable amount of time to deliver the Audit to Port. Within 30 days of the receipt of the Audit, Port may notify Tenant of deficiencies in the Audit or of actions to be taken by Tenant to respond to matters addressed in the Audit. Failure of Port to comment or otherwise respond to the Audit will not constitute a waiver by Port of any rights under this Lease or otherwise. Tenant will respond in writing to any notification within 15 days of receipt. If, in Port's sole but reasonable discretion, the Audit remains deficient (meaning that the Audit fails in some material respect to conform to the requirements for Audits set forth in Subsection 13.4.2), Port may prepare or cause to be prepared a new or revised Audit at Tenant's sole expense. Tenant will fully reimburse Port for any costs or expenses incurred by Port in connection therewith within 30 days of the date on which Port notifies Tenant of the costs incurred.

How will these violations and audit results be conveyed to the Community?

We would like to schedule a meeting with the Port of Stockton staff about how these concerns can be disclosed and discussed with community members, including on-going coordination with the permitting agencies and compliance status.

Thank you for your consideration of the Delta-Sierra Group's comments. Please reach out at mebeth@outlook.com if you have any questions or wish to discuss our concerns regarding safety education. Clean Air for ALL!

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth M.S., R.E.H.S.

Delta-Sierra Group Conservation Chair