

Maziar Movassaghi was appointed as Acting Director of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on March 16, 2009. Prior to this position, Mr. Movassaghi was the Deputy Director of the Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program for DTSC. During his tenure, the Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program consolidated seventeen different programs into a single cleanup program. This action increased the total acreage that has been put back into productive use, helping communities return underutilized properties into commercial, residential or educational activities. Prior to work at DTSC, Mr. Movassaghi worked in the private sector focusing on financing and development work across the country. He also has prior work experience in both local and state government. Mr. Movassaghi worked for the City of Oakland as Assistant Development Director and Assistant to Mayor Jerry Brown. His accomplishments included the development of over 10,000 housing units in former brownfield sites. Prior to working for the City of Oakland, he was the Wetlands Program Coordinator for the State of California. He developed and implemented the first statewide tracking system for wetland and riparian habitats that was eventually adopted by USEPA. He is a graduate of UCLA and the Goldman School at UC Berkeley.