



## **MAXIE L. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER**

### **Summary of Site Assessment**

- The Maxie Parks Community Center was acquired by the City of Fresno in 2009. Long before this purchase, a laundromat had been located on this site, which operated in the 1950's and 1960's.
- In 2020, the City received notice from the Regional Water Quality Control Board that certain contamination (chlorinated solvents) that are typically associated with laundromats had been discovered in this area. As a result, the City was asked to test the Community Center property to determine whether it was the source of that contamination.
- In response, the City conducted two (2) separate rounds of extensive site testing of the Community Center property in 2020. The tests confirmed that the Community Center is not the source of the contamination which concerned the Water Board, and further established that the Community Center is safe to be used for its intended purposes.
- The City's testing did confirm that the Community Center has some shallow soil contamination underneath the footprint of the old laundromat that appears to be related to a cleaning solution known as Stoddard Solvent. However, that solvent has not impacted ground water in this area or the habitability of the Community Center. In an abundance of caution, the City is pursuing a final round of testing to confirm that the solvent has not impacted sub-surface soils outside of the Community Center property. It is hoped that this final round of testing will be completed by the end of 2021.
- The City, Water Board, and contracted experts concur that the center is safe to use and has not posed a health hazard to employees or visitors, including sensitive groups, such as children and the elderly. This includes the outdoor areas of the community center.
- In addition, the City took the opportunity to renovate the Center and made necessary improvements, including paint and flooring. The gymnasium will also get a new HVAC system in 2022.
- The City expects the Center to reopen to staff and the public on September 1, 2021.