

SHRA to buy additional land near Twin Rivers redevelopment



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Plans to redevelop the Twin Rivers public housing project in Sacramento's River District will grow — by 2.68 acres, to be exact.

Escrow should close by the end of May on 510 N. 12th St., after the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a purchase agreement for the property last week.

LaShelle Dozier, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency's executive director, said SHRA staff identified the parcel as a potential addition when they began exploring redevelopment of Twin Rivers. The property currently has two industrial buildings on it, but is zoned for residential mixed-use development.

When current owner Carson/Craig Partnership approached SHRA about buying 510 N 12th, Dozier said, it was an opportunity the agency hadn't planned for but didn't want to miss. "We're thrilled to reach an agreement and see how to fold it into the plan," she said.

Under the approved purchase agreement, SHRA-arm Sacramento Housing Authority Repositioning Program would buy the property for \$2.8 million. SHARP, a registered nonprofit, would look to develop the property to complement the Twin Rivers redevelopment.

That project would replace 215 aging public housing units at 321 Eliza St. with 468 denser units intended for a combination of market-rate and affordable incomes.

Dozier said 510 N 12th could be redeveloped either into additional housing or some other use to serve residents, such as a recreation area. Current tenants in the industrial buildings will be able to stay through their current leases, she added.

Twin Rivers residents are being relocated ahead of the planned demolition. Dozier said demolition of housing units isn't likely to begin until the second half of this year.