
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED CLEANUP PROGRAM SITE CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 11, 2024 through July 11, 2024

ERICKSON GROUP LIMITED (SLT5S1343174) 4083 RANCHO ROAD, MARYSVILLE, YUBA COUNTY, CA

NorCal Lumber Company Inc. (NorCal Lumber) has recorded a Covenant and Agreement to Restrict Use of Property (Covenant) to the deed of the subject property with the Yuba County Clerk-Recorder. NorCal Lumber has chosen to restrict portions of the subject property by the Covenant rather than perform more cleanup of contaminants remaining in soil at the property. Contaminants have not been detected in groundwater. The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Covenant will protect human health and safety and the environment by limiting access to the chemicals that remain in soil. The Central Valley Water Board is now considering closure of this case due to the protective restrictions of the Covenant.

The Covenant does not allow digging or construction within certain restricted areas of the property. The Covenant also requires that the property owner assess and report to the Central Valley Water Board any environmental conditions and expected impacts for any proposed land use changes within the restricted areas. Figures 1 and 2 attached to this notice show the restricted areas of the property as defined in the Covenant.

The approximately 100-acre subject property was first developed in 1963. Erickson Group, Ltd (as Erickson Lumber [Erickson]) operated a wood treatment facility and lumber mill on the property until 1988. From 1988 until 2001, Marysville Forest Products operated a lumber mill on the property. From 2002 until approximately 2010, various companies continued to produce milled lumber on the property. After being vacant for several years, NorCal Lumber purchased the property and began operating a lumber and building product distribution facility on the property in 2017.

Between 1978 and 1986, Erickson moved cut lumber out of the mill and through a tank containing the wood treatment chemical pentachlorophenol (PCP). Erickson burned wood waste in two wood burners during this time and dumped ash removed from the wood burners and boiler ash from wood treatment in piles along the eastern central portion of the subject property. Erickson also dumped bark removed during wood processing in this area. Erickson ended wood treatment with PCP in 1986.

In August 1992, Martech, on behalf of Erickson, dug up approximately 1,700 cubic yards of soil contaminated with PCP from the former wood treatment area. From November 1992 until July 1993, using bioremediation, Erickson cleaned up the soil that was removed. Erickson's environmental consultant recommended the clean soil was acceptable for on-site use as fill due to having no detectable levels of PCP

However, testing done after 1993 showed PCP can still be found in soil in the former wood treatment area above commercial/industrial risk levels. The former wood treatment area was in the southern central portion of the subject property. The former wood treatment area restricted by the Covenant is shown in Figure 1.

Dioxin, from the burned wood waste, has been found in soil within the former ash/bark dumping area at levels above residential cleanup goals. The former ash/bark dumping area was located along the northeast portion of the former lumber mill footprint (approximately east central portion of the subject property). The former ash/bark dumping area restricted by the Covenant is shown in Figure 2.

This notice is being given to the owners and residents of properties around the subject property, other interested groups, and the public. If you want to comment on the closing of this case, please contact the Central Valley Water Board by using the contact information provided below before the end of the comment period.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>).

Please contact Michael DeSmet with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the testing completed at the Erickson Group Limited site:

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NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

TDD users can obtain information about this case by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the Public Notice for the proposed closure of the Erickson Group Limited case.

Figure 1:

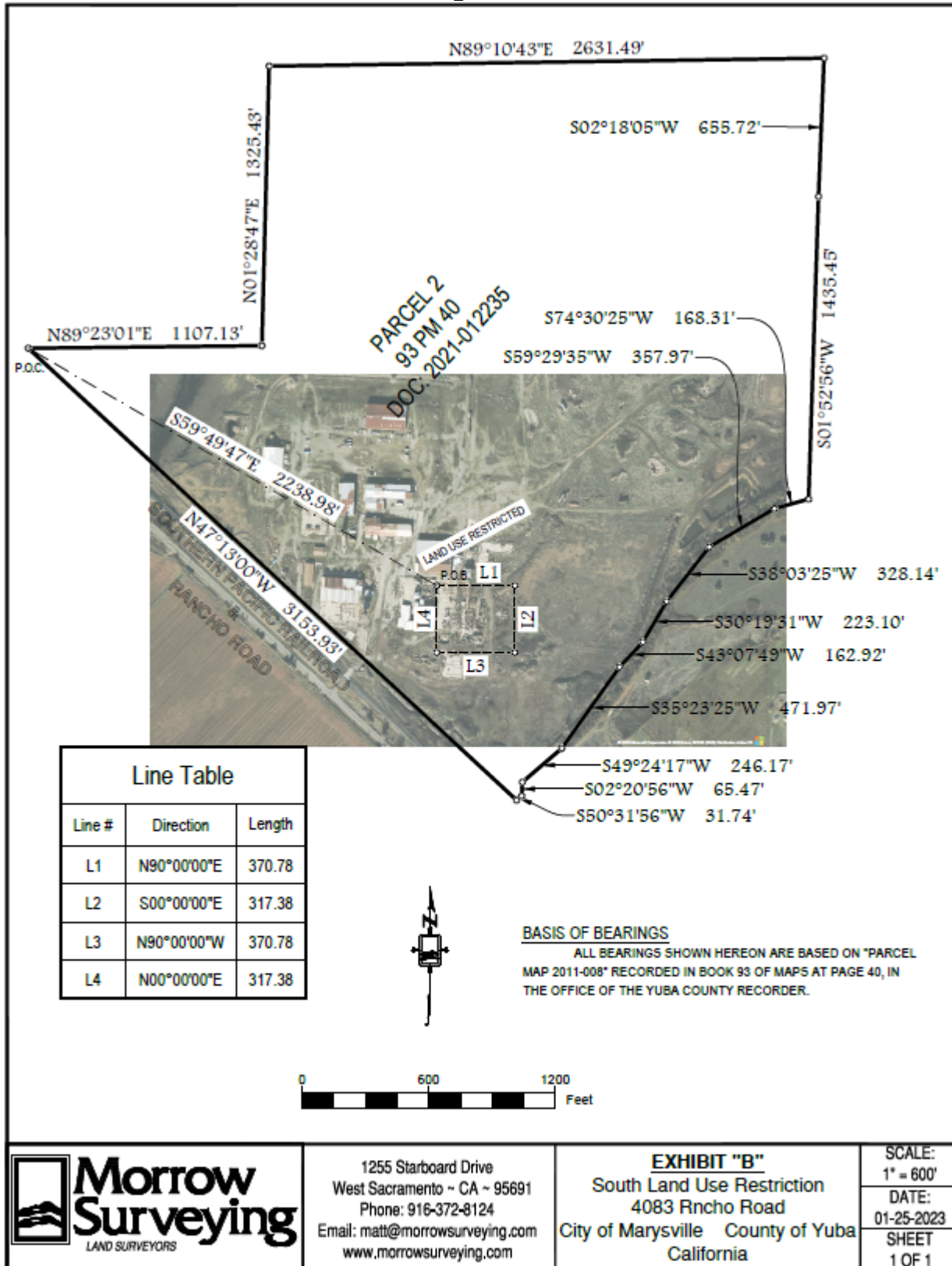


Figure 2:

