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PUBLIC NOTICE FACT SHEET
Former Bob's Petro Products
11 East Yates Ave., Porterville, Tulare County

Public Notice: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on a proposed regulatory case closure for a petroleum bulk plant and cardlock fueling facility, the former Bob's Petro Products site, at 11 East Yates Avenue in Porterville, California (Site).

This Public Notice fact sheet provides general information on the Site. A map showing the location of the Site is attached (Figure 1).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4 June 2025 through 4 July 2025

CASE SUMMARY

The Site is currently a petroleum bulk storage and cardlock fueling facility operated by Valley Pacific Petroleum Services and has been in operation since 1920. Distinct areas of concern have been identified in the north-eastern area of the Site (Fueling Facility) and the southern area (Bulk Storage). Although definitive release locations have not been identified, site assessment data indicate leaks from the fuel dispensers and/or piping are the primary impact sources at the Fueling Facility. At the Bulk Storage area the primary sources appear to be surface spills and an approximately 1,000-gallon diesel spill that occurred in 2005 related to a fuel theft.

Site assessment activities performed at the Site since 1997 indicate that soil, soil vapor, and groundwater have been impacted by releases from the Fueling Facility and Bulk Storage areas. Chemicals of concern (COCs) include total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel (TPHd) and gasoline (TPHg), and fuel-related volatile organic compounds including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes, and methyl-tertiary butyl ether (MTBE).

Groundwater monitoring was performed at the Site between 1998 and 2024 using on- site monitoring wells and off-site domestic supply wells. COCs were not detected in off- Site domestic supply wells.

Cleanup activities performed at the Site included soil excavation and disposal, soil vapor extraction, groundwater extraction and treatment, and bioventing.

Decreasing COC trends over time suggest that natural attenuation is occurring at the Site and that residual petroleum hydrocarbons will continue to degrade naturally and are unlikely to pose a threat to human health and safety, groundwater or the environment.

Central Valley Water Board staff have conditionally concurred that no further action is appropriate for the Site and that the Site does not pose an unacceptable threat to human health, the environment, or future Site activities under commercial/industrial use. To address residual petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations exceeding residential screening levels, Central Valley Water Board will require the recording of a Land Use Covenant restricting the Site to commercial/industrial uses. However, Central Valley Water Board staff will consider all public comments received before making a final decision on case closure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Historical reports, the request for regulatory case closure, and Central Valley Water Board Correspondence for this case can be viewed by accessing the [State Water Resources Control Boards's GeoTracker Website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=SL375384617).

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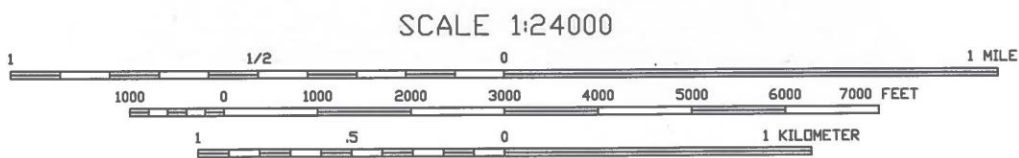
HOW DO I PARTICIPATE

Any interested individual can learn more about the case by contacting Paul Dotson with the Central Valley Water Board. Written comments regarding the planned regulatory case closure for the Site must be submitted to Paul Dotson by **4 July 2025**:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Site 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 (559) 445-5116 regarding the proposed "No Further Action" determination for the Bob's Petro Products case.



LEGEND:



SITE LOCATION

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

GROUND ZERO ANALYSIS

SITE LOCATION MAP
VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES
(FORMER BOB'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS)
11 EAST YATES AVE.
PORTERVILLE, CA

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