
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 7 June through 6 August 2024

BARRERA'S MARKET (FORMER), 23659 S. SANTA FE ROAD, RIVERBANK, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; LUST CASE #392008, GLOBAL ID #T10000013865

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed case closure of the Barrera's Market leaking underground storage tank (UST) case, located at 23659 S. Santa Fe Road in Riverbank, CA (property). A map showing the investigation area and the current remaining extent of petroleum impact to groundwater is attached as Figure 1.

The property is currently a private residence. In the 1970s, Barrera's Market operated at the Property. The market included retail petroleum fueling (gas station) operations, and a fuel UST was present at the property. However, a record of the removal or location of the UST has not been identified. Knowledge of former fueling operations is based on review of historical photos and septic permits showing the presence of fuel dispenser islands at the property.

Petroleum contamination at the Barrera's Market property was identified during an investigation of the Ranch Market leaking UST case located two properties north of Barrera's Market. The consultant working on the Ranch Market case collected soil and groundwater samples from on and around the Barrera's Market property. Between 2022 and 2024, Central Valley Water Board staff, staff from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) contractor Redhorse Corporation, and various subcontractors, collected additional soil, soil vapor, and groundwater samples from the property.

Central Valley Water Board staff has concluded that the limited gasoline concentrations remaining in the ground does not pose a threat to human health, the environment, or future property activities. The remaining gasoline in groundwater beneath and around the property will naturally break down within a reasonable amount of time. Due to the low threat, Central Valley Water Board staff recommends case closure under California's Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider public comments before closing the case.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Alan M. Buehler with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities at Barrera's Market:

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- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online.
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 341-5254.
- Email the Office of Public Participation at OPP-languageServices@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the property 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 UST case closure of Barrera's Market.

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1: Property Map which shows the current remaining extent of petroleum (gasoline) in groundwater above water quality objectives

