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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED SITE CLEANUP CASE CLOSURE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 8 July 2024 through 6 September 2024

### **CHARTER AVIATION; 4836 FRESHWATER ROAD, WILLIAMS, COLUSA COUNTY; SITE CLEANUP CASE #SLT5S575, GLOBAL ID #SLT5S5753781**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed case closure of the Charter Aviation Site Cleanup case located at 4836 Freshwater Road in Williams, CA (property). A map of the previous soil investigations on the subject property is attached as Figure 1.

Charter Aviation operated an aerial chemical application business on the property from approximately 1979 to 2005. In 1985, Central Valley Water Board staff documented that Charter Aviation routinely washed its aircraft after pesticide application on an unpaved wash pad system, which drained pesticide-containing rinse water directly onto the ground. In 1992, Charter Aviation upgraded the wash pad system with a berm and sump system that collected the rinse water for off-site disposal and eliminated further discharges of pesticides to the environment. On 6 November 1992, Central Valley Water Board staff issued Charter Aviation a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the wash pad system. In 2005, Charter Aviation ceased operations at the site and discontinued use of the wash pad system.

In April 2022, the current property owner sampled groundwater from the supply well near the wash pad system for persistent pesticide compounds. Analysis of the groundwater sample from the adjacent supply well did not detect pesticide compounds above laboratory detection limits.

In January 2024, a consultant for the property owner collected and analyzed soil samples from locations around the property where pesticide discharges are suspected to have occurred based on historical site inspection photos. Following the detection of pesticides in the shallow soil near the chemical storage area, the property owner paved the area between the hangar building and the north side of the chemical storage area with cement. The property owner's consultant has determined that the residual pesticide concentrations in the soil on the property do not pose a risk to human health and safety.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the previous investigation results and has determined that the case may be eligible for closure. Central Valley Water Board staff is issuing this notice and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of properties near the former Charter Aviation property and to other interested parties. Water Board staff will consider comments they receive when evaluating the case closure.

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## 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 Mitch Messmer with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities for Charter Aviation:

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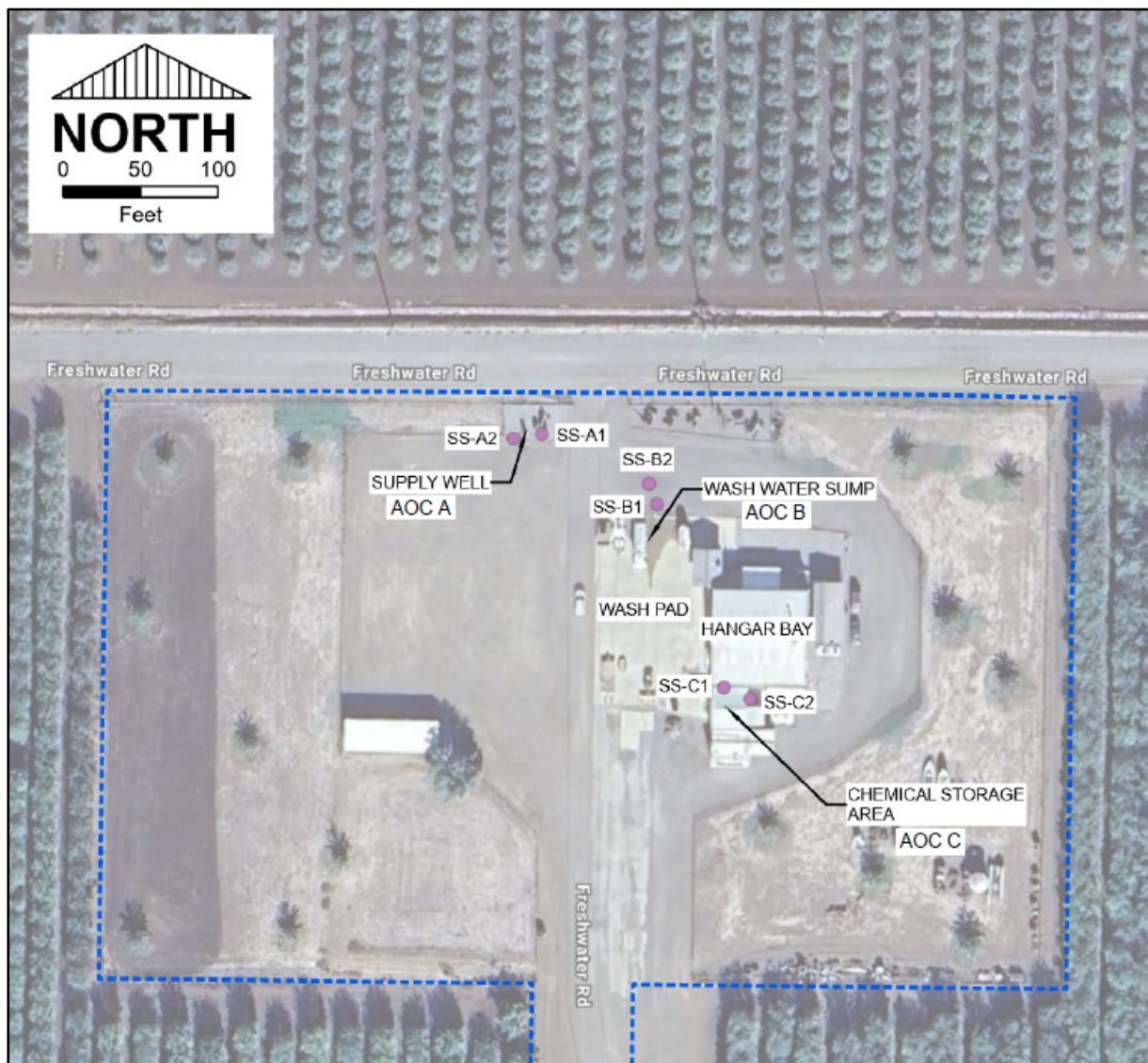
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## ATTACHMENT

Figure 1



**Figure 1:** Site map with soil boring locations from the 19 April 2024 *Pesticide Screening Investigation Summary Report* (available on GeoTracker)