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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

21 April 2026

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, FOSTER FARMS LIVINGSTON COMPLEX, 843 DAVIS STREET, LIVINGSTON, MERCED COUNTY, RB CASE NO 5T24000576**

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of case closure for the subject address (Site), and to request comments from interested parties. The Site is currently occupied by the Foster Farms Livingston Complex truck shop that services and previously fueled trucks, and vehicles. Vehicle fueling is not currently occurring at the Site, though it is planned that aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) will be installed at the Site and fueling will resume. In April 2025, one 12,000-gallon gasoline, two 12,000-gallon diesel underground storage tanks (USTs), five dispensers, and associated product piping were removed. A section of the product piping near an adjacent structure was closed in place. Soil samples were collected from beneath the USTs, dispensers, and piping and sent to a State of California accredited laboratory for analysis of total petroleum hydrocarbons gasoline range (TPHg), total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range (TPHd), benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and total xylenes (BTEX, collectively). Analytical results indicated the presence of TPHd in concentrations up to 18,000 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Toluene, ethyl benzene, and total xylenes were also detected in respective concentrations up to 0.016 mg/kg, 0.048 mg/kg, and 0.24 mg/kg. Merced County Division of Environmental Health considered this evidence of a release, and on 22 July 2025 referred the case to the Central Valley Water Board for regulatory oversight.

A Site investigation assessed soil and soil vapor in November 2025. The investigation determined the vertical and lateral extent of the release in subsurface soil by advancing nine soil borings and installing one soil vapor probe. Soil sampling results indicated the vertical extent of the release is approximately 20 feet below ground surface (bgs), and that the areal extent of the release is in an elliptical shape approximately 51 feet on the short axis and 109 feet on the long axis, extending to the southwest.

One soil vapor probe was placed near an office building approximately 115 feet from the former USTs. A vapor sample was collected for analysis at a nationally accredited laboratory for the presence of BTEX, MTBE, naphthalene, oxygen, and carbon dioxide. The results were less than the limits set forth in the State Water Resource Control Board's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy).

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Groundwater is not expected to be affected by this release as the depth to groundwater is expected to be between approximately 55 and 70 feet bgs. No contamination was detected below approximately 20 feet bgs.

This case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation report and meets the case closure criteria contained in the Policy. Soil and soil vapor sample results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the UST release.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the parties adjacent to the Site, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board's website](http://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) available at ([http://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public\\_notices/](http://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/)) Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures. Details of the assessment are also available to interested parties through the [State Water Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>).

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. The Central Valley Water Board case number is 5T24000576.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **25 June 2026**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or proposed actions should contact the case worker Micheale Easley at 1685 E. Street in Fresno, at (559) 488-4391, or by email at [Micheale.Easley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Micheale.Easley@waterboards.ca.gov).

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of substantive comments against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board staff will proceed with the case closure process.