Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

19 November 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, HAMILTON YARD, 4551 EAST HAMILTON AVENUE, FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY, RB CASE NO. 5T10000943

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional 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 occupied by several buildings and parking lots and is a fueling area for the County of Fresno, which contains a canopy, fuel dispensers, and underground storage tanks (USTs). In July 2025, a dispenser pan beneath a diesel dispenser and product piping were removed and soil samples collected and sent to a State of California accredited laboratory for analysis of total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range (TPHd) and methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE). Analytical results indicated the presence of TPHd at a concentration of 1,700 milligrams- per- kilogram (mg/kg). Fresno County Department of Public Health - Environmental Health Division (FCEHD) submitted a removal report to the GeoTracker Tank Removal Portal on 26 May 2026 for review by Central Valley Water Board staff. Water Board staff determined there was evidence of a release of petroleum products from the UST system and opened a case on 3 June 2026. Central Valley Water Board initiated and retained regulatory oversight for this release.

Central Valley Water Board approved a Site Assessment Workplan on 18 August 2026. On 31 August 2026, soil borings B1 through B4 were advanced to 30 feet below ground surface (bgs) to delineate the extent of the release. Soil samples were collected every five feet beginning at five feet bgs and select samples were sent to a State of California accredited laboratory for analysis of TPHd, MTBE, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, total xylenes (BTEX, collectively), and naphthalene. There were no detections that exceeded laboratory method reporting limits of any constituent in the samples analyzed.

Groundwater was not encountered during the investigation, and depth to groundwater in the region is approximately 100 feet bgs.

This case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation report and meets the closure criteria contained in the Policy. Soil sample results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the UST release. This is a soils only release, groundwater was not affected.

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 available at (http://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closure. Details of the assessment are also available to interested parties through the State Water Board's GeoTracker website (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 5T10000943.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno Office by **21 January 2027**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or proposed actions should contact John Whiting at (559) 445-5504 by email at John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov or Micheale Gourley (559) 488-4391 by email at Micheale.Gourley@waterboards.ca.gov, or at 1685 E Street in Fresno.

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.