



# UST Program Update

## March 2025

### Single-Walled Underground Storage Tank Outreach Survey

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) utilizes data from the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) to track the progress of permanent closures of single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs). However, CERS does not always accurately reflect site conditions, including the permanent closure of single-walled USTs. To assist the State Water Board with planning and allocation of resources, the State Water Board is requesting additional single-walled UST facility information via a survey.

On February 26, 2025, the State Water Board sent a letter to [Unified Program Agency \(UPA\) managers](#)<sup>1</sup> through the UST email subscription list requesting additional single-walled UST facility information via a single-walled UST survey. The single-walled UST survey will be sent this month to each UPA through the single-walled UST program email, [DWQ-SWUST@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWQ-SWUST@waterboards.ca.gov). The State Water Board requests each UPA complete and return the survey via the single-walled UST program email, [DWQ-SWUST@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWQ-SWUST@waterboards.ca.gov), by **April 14, 2025**.

For information regarding the single-walled UST survey, contact:  
Jenna Hartman at (916) 327- 8563 or [Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov).

### Permanent Closure Requirements – Closure in Place

California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16, section 2672(a) requires that USTs subject to permanent closure be either removed or closed in place. Prior to closure, the UST owner or operator must submit closure plans to the UPA for approval.

For closure in place, both the tank and/or associated piping may be closed in place. However, all piping associated with the UST is only permitted to be closed in place if removal damages structures or other pipes shared in a common trench. UPAs reviewing closure plans should determine if closure in place is appropriate and if

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/2025/sw-ust-survey-letter-2025.pdf>

sufficient justification has been provided for closing the piping in place before approving the plan.

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## **Farewell**

Brian Taylor, supervisor of the Office of Enforcement, UST Unit retired from State service on February 18, 2025. Brian assumed the supervisor role in 2019, and under his guidance, the UST Unit made significant contributions to advancing the single-walled UST closure initiative and addressing the removal of improperly abandoned USTs. We wish him the best.