

Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Program

Expedited Claim Account (ECA)

The Expedited Claim Account (ECA) was created by California Senate Bill No. 445 (Hill, 2014) to evaluate and reduce the overall cost for site cleanup and the time to reach regulatory case closure by increasing coordination with regulators, claimants and their consultants, and the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund. In 2015, the UST Cleanup Fund transferred \$100 million to ECA to facilitate the reimbursement of eligible corrective actions costs resulting from these increased coordination efforts.

ECA Claim Status

- Since inception, a total of 326 claims have been accepted into ECA. Of these claims, 183 remain active and 143 have been closed.

Budget Summary	Amount
Actual Expenditure	\$84M
ECAP Funds Remaining	\$16M
Total Allocated for ECAP	\$100M

As of July 2024, ECA has expended \$84 million with \$16 million allocated for active claims pending reimbursement. The table below provides a more detailed breakdown of reimbursement requests (RRs) that have been paid per year since program inception.

Fiscal Year	RR's Paid
FY 16	\$3,498,729
FY 17	\$9,457,108
FY 18	\$6,847,384
FY 19	\$14,058,533
FY 20	\$10,422,645
FY 21	\$12,192,494
FY 22	\$10,758,138
FY 23	\$10,479,671
FY 24	\$6,295,326
Total	\$84,010,028

(Data as of July 1, 2025)

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