

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
9 a.m., March 15, 2012
River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Requesting the State Water Resources Control Board to Nominate Several Sites for the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund, Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account, Fiscal Year 12-13.

DISCUSSION

Chapter 6.75 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Funds to the Regional Water Boards and Local Oversight Programs (LOPs) for initiating direct cleanup of petroleum underground tank sites requiring corrective action to protect human health, safety, and the environment.

Regional Water Board staff request that two sites be nominated. The sites are identified in the State Water Board's GeoTracker website as:

- Nancy Schultz located at 10138 Highway 199, Gasquet, Case #1TDN055 and
- Shell, Albion located at 3300 North Highway 1, Albion, Case #1TMC357.

The Humboldt County LOP staff requested that three sites be nominated. Regional Water Board staff concurred with nominating all of the sites. The sites to be nominated are identified as:

- Judy's Market, 7695 Highway 36, Carlotta, Case #12436,
- Lino's Service, 318 Main Street, Ferndale, Case #12675, and
- Noble's Grocery, 2028 Market Street, Ferndale Case #12363.

Four of the five above identified sites have had no or limited, investigation work performed in the past due to recalcitrance of the responsible parties. The site in Albion has expended all the allowable monies from the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (FUND) and a significant groundwater plume continues to migrate onto neighboring parcels. The Albion site was nominated to the 2009/2010, 2010/2011, and 2011/2012 EAR Account. All the LOP sites and Nancy Schultz were also nominated to the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 Ear Account.

PRELIMINARY STAFF
RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. R1-2012-0035 as proposed.