

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT – Chuck Headlee  
MEETING DATE: October 19, 2005

ITEM: 5.E.

SUBJECT: LEAKING UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK CLEANUP PROGRAM – Status Report

DISCUSSION: Attached are three graphs (Table 1) indicating progress made during the first quarter of fiscal year 2005-06 toward our underground storage tank (UST) program goals. Our accomplishments to date are below target, due to recent staff reassignments and recent efforts to expand our public participation efforts to a full range of cleanup sites (including UST cases). We expect to get back on target in the next quarter once these one-time effects are behind us. Table 2 is an overview of the scope of the UST program in our Region. There are over 2,300 open cases and 6,800 closed cases for a total of over 9,000 handled by a combination of the Water Board, local oversight program (LOP) agencies, and local implementing agencies.

Our UST caseload will jump later this year with the addition of about 65 UST cases in San Rafael. On September 19, the City of San Rafael Fire Department notified us that they will withdraw as the local implementing agency (LIA) for UST cases in San Rafael. The City cited declining caseload and budget pressures as the reasons for this action. We will need to cope with this additional caseload without any additional staff resources. We intend to absorb the new caseload through a combination of case prioritization and case reassignment among existing cleanup staff. We will need to make more fundamental changes if other LIA agencies follow San Rafael's lead, although we are not aware of any imminent changes by the other LIAs.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: This is an information item only and no action is necessary.

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Appendix A - Table 1 UST Workplan Progress FY 05-06  
Table 2 Overview of UST Program