

Response to Alameda County's Comments to the Public Notice of Claim 5502.

1. Sampling results and data presentation:

RESPONSE: Being on an island in San Francisco Bay groundwater elevation data suspect without reference to the stage of the tides. The LOP has accepted the data for 25 years and with multiple consultants having worked on the project discrepancies can be expected. In addition, the rise in groundwater has been a common occurrence over the past decade in part of California. Again the LOP has accepted the data throughout this time period.

2. Public Notification Requirements:

RESPONSE: All necessary parties were notified per State Board guidelines.

3. Data Gaps:

RESPONSE: As our first response indicates; the environmental industry has matured over the past 25 years and conditions have changed. The LOP has provided the technical oversight of the case throughout this period without asking for the changes to address the data gaps they present in their comments.

4. Application of the Low Threat Closure Policy

RESPONSE: The checklist included in the summary is being used statewide to evaluate sites under the LTCP. The checklist was approved for use by the Division of Financial Assistance, Division of Water Quality and the Office of Chief Counsel for the State Water Board. Reviews by multiple professionally registered staff during the preparation of the Review Summary Report and was deemed to be complete.