
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE
PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25296.40 AND THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
LOW-THREAT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLOSURE POLICY
MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PETITIONER)
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1599 5TH STREET, MENDOTA,
FRESNO COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed underground storage tank (UST) case closure for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Fresno Office, case number 5T10000115.

Health and Safety Code section 25296.40 allows for an owner or operator, or responsible party, who has a UST case, who believes that the corrective action plan has been satisfactory implemented, and where closure has not been granted, to petition the State Water Board for review of their case. Upon review of the case, the State Water Board may close or require the closure of any UST case if it is determined that corrective action has been completed in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 25296.10. Pursuant to State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0061, the Executive Director or Chief Deputy Director of the State Water Board may close or require closure of cases that meet the criteria specified in the State Water Board's Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Policy) adopted by State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0016.

A copy of this notice has been provided to the responsible party, owner/operator, environmental consultant on record, the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board and local agency that has been overseeing corrective action, agencies with authority to issue building permits, owners and occupants of the impacted property, owners and occupants of all parcels adjacent to impacted properties, the water replenishment district, the local water purveyor, the municipal water district, county water district, and special act district with groundwater management authority.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A Case Closure Summary has been prepared containing information about the UST case that forms the basis for the UST Cleanup Unit staff's recommendation to the Chief Deputy Director of the State Water Board for UST case closure. A draft order has been prepared that describes the proposed requirements for case closure. Both documents are available to view or download on the State Water Board's [website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/prop_closure_cases.html):

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Paper copies of the Case Closure Summary and the draft order are available upon request by writing to Matthew Cohen, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812; by calling Matthew Cohen at (916) 341-5751; or by email at: Matthew.Cohen@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments, evidence, and other material electronically. Written comment letters can be submitted by e-mail to: USTClosuresComments@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 10 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5808 with the subject "**Comment Letter – Washington Elementary School, Proposed UST Case Closure.**" Written comments may also be mailed to:

Underground Storage Tank Program, 15th Floor
State Water Resource Control Board
P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812
or hand-delivered to the following address:
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

In order to be fully considered, written comments must be received by:
12:00 noon on Friday, March 5, 2021.

Please direct questions about this notice to Matthew Cohen at (916) 341-5751 or Matthew.Cohen@waterboards.ca.gov; or Therese Barakatt (Attorney) at (916) 341-5186 or Therese.Barakatt@waterboards.ca.gov.



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Date