

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
Thursday, March 13, 2014
Regional Water Board Office
Santa Rosa, California

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Update on the Status of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program (*Craig Hunt*)

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item. No action will be taken by the Regional Water Board.

BACKGROUND: This presentation is a follow-up to the update given to the Board on August 22, 2013. On August 17, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board's Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Policy) became effective. On November 6, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0062 "Directing Additional Actions to Improve the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program," which included the "Plan for Implementation of Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy and Additional Program Improvements" (Implementation Plan). The Implementation Plan put additional requirements on State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board staff in the Underground Storage Tank (UST) cleanup program, and imposed conditions under which UST cleanup cases should be closed.

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff met the initial action due date, which was to review all open UST cleanup cases for applicability of the Policy by August 16, 2013, and met the subsequent action due date of December 31, 2013, for developing a path to closure for each UST cleanup case still open.

Many of the remaining open sites do not have clear or easy paths to cleanup and closure. In addition, the near-term future of the State Water Board UST Cleanup Fund is uncertain, and it is currently understood that the UST Cleanup Fund will be eliminated in the long term.

The current status of our open UST sites will be discussed, along with the outlook for the cleanup of these sites and the UST cleanup program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None