

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report  
8:30am, August 22, 2013  
Santa Rosa

ITEM: 6

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

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

BACKGROUND: 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. Our staff is  
working diligently to meet the next action due date of December 31,  
2013 (developing a path to closure for each UST cleanup case still  
open).

The presentation will provide additional information on the  
requirements of the Policy and our compliance with the Policy and  
Implementation Plan, how this has affected the cleanup of UST sites,  
and changes in how the program is managed by State Water  
Resources Control Board staff. An update on the Local Oversight  
Program (LOP) for UST cleanup in Sonoma and Humboldt Counties  
also will be given.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None