

# Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Laubacher Ranch  
Ager-Beswick Road  
Montague, California

Case No. 1TSI114

Siskiyou County

**Notice Posting Date: September 23, 2016**

**End of Comment Period: November 22, 2016**

A soil and groundwater investigation was conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented. Although some contamination remains, the subsurface contamination is attenuating, is not impacting sensitive receptors, and will reach water quality objectives in a reasonable period of time. Regional Water Board staff proposes that no further work be required. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

## **Problem Description**

An unauthorized discharge of petroleum hydrocarbons was discovered at the site during the removal of an underground storage tank. Subsurface investigations were conducted to define the extent of contamination in soil and groundwater. Findings from the investigations led to corrective action that included over-excavation of contaminated soil and subsurface application of a sulfate amendment to facilitate biodegradation. The investigations also documented that no water supply wells are impacted or appear threatened by the contamination, and no exposure pathways were identified that could affect human health or the environment. The remaining groundwater contamination is not spreading and natural attenuation has been sufficiently demonstrated and will be relied upon to reach water quality objectives.

## **Proposed Action**

Case closure is proposed.

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the case closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Cody Walker at (707) 576-2642 or [Cody.Walker@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cody.Walker@waterboards.ca.gov) with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Cody Walker  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. The GeoTracker records are available at [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0609300084](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0609300084)

The paper file ("Laubacher Ranch", Case No. 1TSI114) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.