



PUBLIC NOTICE FACT SHEET

Former Southern Pacific Railyard Fuel Release 1808-1860 G St., Fresno, Fresno County, California

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Public Notice: The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on a proposed regulatory case closure for the former Southern Pacific Railyard site at 1808-1860 G Street in Fresno, California (Site).

This Public Notice fact sheet provides general information on the Site. A map showing the location of the Site is attached (Figure 1).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

31 July 2025 through 30 August 2025

CASE SUMMARY

The Site is currently a vacant lot acquired by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to serve as part of the corridor for the proposed High-Speed rail line. Located in downtown Fresno, the Site is generally surrounded by commercial properties.

On 17 August 2022, Central Valley Water Board staff met with CHSRA staff at the Site and observed an open excavation with sidewall staining and odors indicative of degraded petroleum hydrocarbons. Subsequent soil and soil vapor sampling was conducted at the Site to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of subsurface impacts. In the southernmost area of the Site, soil vapor sampling was performed, and results indicated no significant levels of volatile-organic compounds. Soil sampling results indicated that the petroleum hydrocarbons had a maximum vertical extent of 45 feet below ground surface (bgs). Given that groundwater is located at approximately 110 feet bgs, the residual petroleum in the subsurface is not expected to pose a threat to groundwater resources.

Additionally, CHSRA staff anticipate excavating approximately 10 to 15 vertical feet of soil during construction activities. Any potential exposure pathways will be addressed by the proposed Site development and removal, disposal, and replacement of surface soil with clean fill.

Based on the Site investigation Central Valley Water Board staff have concurred that the Site meets the criteria for regulatory case closure and the remaining impacted soil does not pose a significant threat to human health, the environment, or future use of the Site. However, Central Valley Water Board staff will require a Soil Management Plan to highlight strategies for managing potential petroleum hydrocarbon-impacted soils during any future land disturbance activities. In addition, Central Valley Water Board staff will consider all public comments received before making a final decision on case closure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Historical reports, the request for regulatory case closure, and Central Valley Water Board correspondence for this case can be viewed by accessing the [State Water Resources Control Boards's GeoTracker Website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000020142).

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HOW DO I PARTICIPATE

Any interested individual can learn more about the case by contacting Paul Dotson with the Central Valley Water Board. Written comments regarding the planned regulatory case closure for the Site must be submitted to Paul Dotson by 30 August 2025:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (559) 445-5116 regarding the proposed "No Further Action" determination for the Former Southern Pacific Railyard Fuel Release case.

Figure 1 – Site Location Map

