



PUBLIC NOTICE FACT SHEET

Former Tidewater Associated Oil Company

Pipeline Right of Way Gustine, Merced County

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Public Notice: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on a proposed regulatory case closure for the former Tidewater Associated Oil Company (TAOC) pipeline right of way (ROW) in Gustine, California (the 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

11 June 2026 through 11 July 2026

CASE SUMMARY

The former TAOC pipeline system was constructed in 1907 to transport San Joaquin Valley crude oil from Bakersfield to the Bay Area and ceased operations in the 1970s. Numerous segments of the former TAOC pipelines have been removed. The former TAOC pipelines run approximately north-south through Gustine as shown on Figure 1.

Given the former TAOC pipeline extends near/through multiple properties, a database search was conducted to identify reported releases at or near the TAOC pipeline ROW in the vicinity of South Avenue (Highway 33) and 4th Street in Gustine, California. Four other regulatory cases were identified within 1/8 mile. Soil and groundwater samples were collected in the vicinity of the former TAOC pipelines as part of those regulatory cases, and therefore, were considered when evaluating potential petroleum hydrocarbon impacts associated with the Site.

Since 1994, several assessment activities have been conducted in the vicinity of the former TAOC pipelines. The results indicate that soil and groundwater have been impacted and adequately assessed. Based on the historical contents of the former TAOC pipelines being crude, the primary constituents of concern associated with the Site are total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel, total petroleum hydrocarbons as motor oil, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

Based on the soil and groundwater data, the impacted soil and groundwater associated with the Site are located beneath commercial/industrial properties, railroad ROW, and Railroad Avenue. The results of the human health screening evaluation indicated that any residual crude oil from the former TAOC pipeline does not pose a significant risk to human health and safety, groundwater or the

environment. As a result, Chevron requested the Central Valley Water Board consider the case for closure. Central Valley Water Board staff have conditionally concurred that a no further action designation is appropriate for the Site and that the Site does not pose an unacceptable threat to human health, the environment, or future Site activities under commercial/industrial use. However, 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?global_id=T10000000370).

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HOW DO I PARTICIPATE

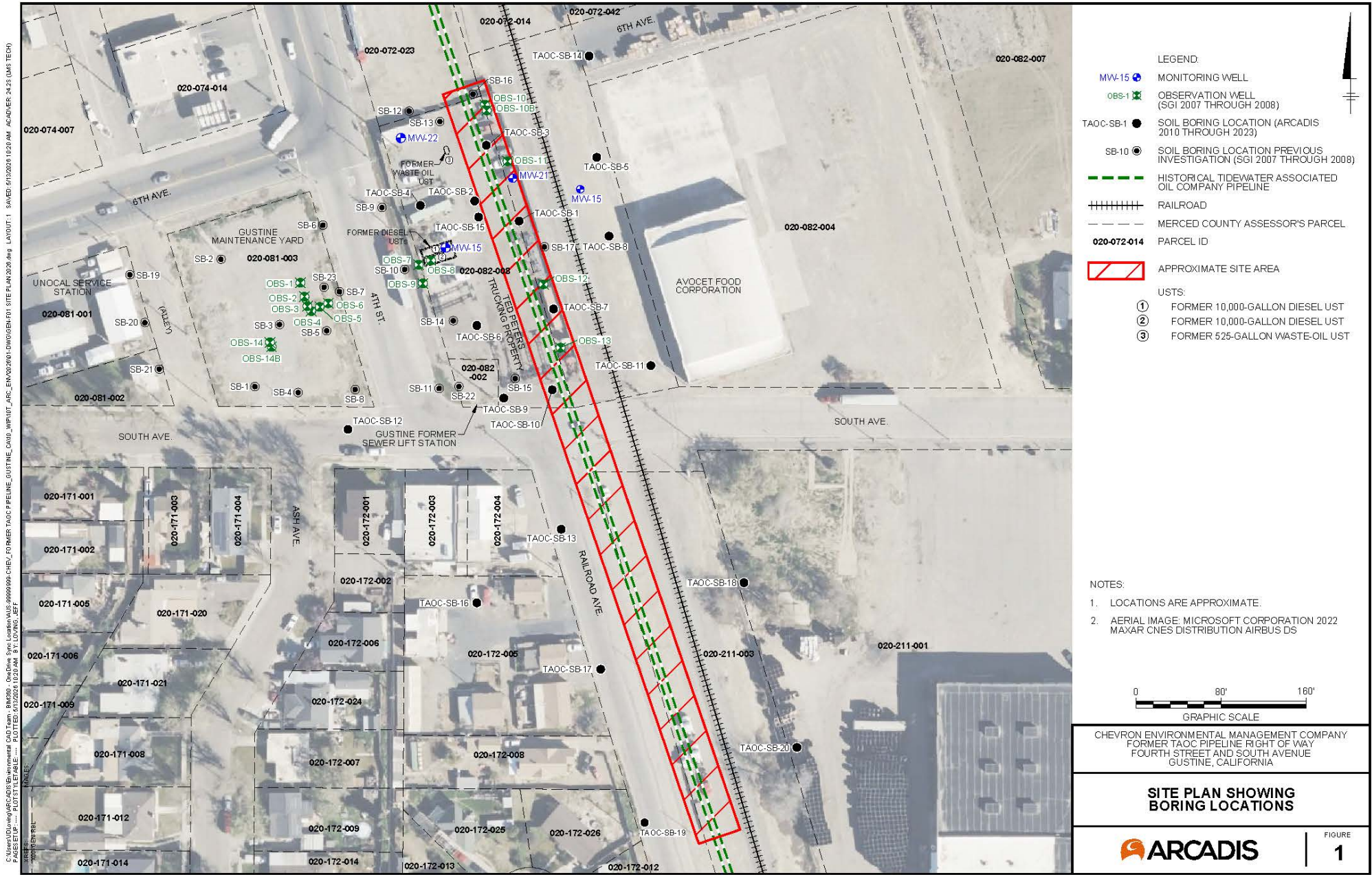
Any interested individual can learn more about the case by contacting Trevor Gledhill with the Central Valley Water Board. Written comments regarding the planned regulatory case closure for the Site must be submitted to Trevor Gledhill by 11 July 2026:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

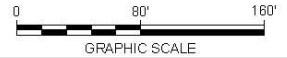
TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (559) 445-5116 regarding the proposed "No Further Action" determination for the former TAOC pipeline right of way case.

Figure 1 – Site Location Map



- LEGEND:**
- MW-15 ● MONITORING WELL
 - OBS-1 ■ OBSERVATION WELL (SGI 2007 THROUGH 2008)
 - TAOC-SB-1 ● SOIL BORING LOCATION (ARCADIS 2010 THROUGH 2023)
 - SB-10 ● SOIL BORING LOCATION PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION (SGI 2007 THROUGH 2008)
 - HISTORICAL TIDEWATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY PIPELINE
 - ||||| RAILROAD
 - - - MERCED COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL
 - 020-072-014 PARCEL ID
 - ▨ APPROXIMATE SITE AREA
- USTS:**
- ① FORMER 10,000-GALLON DIESEL UST
 - ② FORMER 10,000-GALLON DIESEL UST
 - ③ FORMER 525-GALLON WASTE-OIL UST

- NOTES:**
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 2. AERIAL IMAGE: MICROSOFT CORPORATION 2022
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CHEVRON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY
FORMER TAOC PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY
FOURTH STREET AND SOUTH AVENUE
GUSTINE, CALIFORNIA

SITE PLAN SHOWING BORING LOCATIONS



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