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**Public Notice:  
Proposed Environmental Case Closure**

**Downieville Motors (T10000013782)  
114 MAIN STREET, DOWNEYVILLE, CA 9593**

Sherali Gas Company (Sherali) has investigated a suspected petroleum release associated with Downieville Motors, located at 11 Main Street, in Downieville, California (Site). The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) intends to close the associated environmental case and is providing you an opportunity to comment on that proposed closure.

**Public Comment Period**

19 FEBRUARY 2026 THROUGH 26 APRIL 2026

**Case Summary**

The Site is currently an active fueling station. In November 2019, an unauthorized report was filed when an inventory check revealed 52 gallons of regular unleaded fuel were unaccounted for. In response, all fuels were removed from the Site's USTs and Frey Environmental, Inc. (FREY) was hired to perform investigation activities on the Site.

In December 2020 and August 2024, FREY drilled a total of 5 soil borings, collected 28 soil samples, and collected one groundwater sample to assess petroleum hydrocarbon impacts in the subsurface. Groundwater was encountered at a depth of 17.5 feet below the ground surface (in a borehole) and was not observed during the UST removal activities. In August 2024, during the UST removal, a storm drainpipe was discovered within the UST tank pit, located directly beneath the former USTs. The storm drain was subsequently evaluated and did not appear to exhibit indication of petroleum impacts. The Site's UST, fuel conveyance, and dispenser system was subsequently removed and replaced.

On 27 October 2025, FREY submitted a *Revised Closure Request Report* on behalf of SherAli, which presents the results of recent UST removal and confirmation soil sampling activities, related storm drain investigation, and a request for closure of the environmental case associated with the Site. Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed Frey's request and, based on the data and information therein, concurs with their request for closure. The Central Valley Water Board is issuing this notice to the owners and occupants of properties near the Downieville Motors Site, and other potentially interested parties.

The comment period **is 60 days**. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments when evaluating the case for closure.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

You can obtain additional information for the Site on the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website at <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=T10000013782>.

If you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or the environmental cleanup activities at this Site, please contact KhristinaRae Leyba with the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-4701 or via email at [kchristinarae.leyba@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kchristinarae.leyba@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **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 (916) 464-3291 regarding the Public Notice for the proposed UST closure of Downieville Motors.

**Figure 1**  
**Site Vicinity Map**



Source: Google Maps