PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, THOMASON TRACTOR COMPANY, 985 12TH STREET, FIREBAUGH, FRESNO COUNTY, RB CASE 5T10000937

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the subject case (Site), and to request comments from interested parties.

The Site is at the northwest corner of J Street and 12th Street (West Nees Avenue). The Site is operated by Thomason Tractor Company of California for agricultural equipment storage, repair and sales, within an area of commercial agricultural service and agricultural properties. Potable water is provided by the City Of Firebaugh water system.

A preliminary investigation to evaluate environmental conditions was conducted during February 2021. Relatively low concentrations of diesel constituents were detected in samples collected from three of the four shallow soil borings at or near the former underground storage tank. Concentrations of diesel to a maximum of 30,000 micrograms per liter (μg/L) were detected in groundwater samples from two borings. Diesel constituents were less than 1,000 μg/L in a water sample from another boring.

Additional soil and groundwater investigations were conducted during December 2021 and March 2022. Diesel constituents were not detected in many samples, and the maximum concentration in soil was 693 milligrams per kilogram. Groundwater was encountered at 14 feet below ground surface. Diesel constituents were not detected in the groundwater samples. Approximately 60 pounds (8.6 gallons) of diesel range hydrocarbons are estimated to remain in a relatively small volume of soil, and approximately 4.1 pounds (0.6 gallons) of diesel constituents were estimated to remain in groundwater.

There should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the remaining petroleum product constituents, which are expected to naturally degrade. Water wells were not identified within 1,000 feet of the Site, and an irrigation canal is approximately 900 feet from the Site.
The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy). This case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation reports and meets the relevant case closure criteria based on the fundamental principles contained in the Policy.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the interested parties in the Site vicinity and relevant agencies, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures. Details of the assessment are also available to interested parties through the [State Water Board’s GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/).

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. The Central Valley Water Board’s case number is 5T10000937.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board’s Fresno office by **30 September 2022**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or the proposed actions should contact the case worker, John Whiting at 1685 E Street, in Fresno at (559) 445-5504, or by email at [John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov).

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of any substantive comments against closure, the Central Valley Water Board staff will direct that any remaining investigation derived waste be removed and properly managed. If no problems are discovered during a final site inspection, a case closure letter will be prepared.