



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

January 29, 2024

Mary Polson
PO Box 392
Laytonville, California 95454

Dear Mary Polson:

Site: Larson Property
45101 North Highway 101, Laytonville, California
Case No. 1NMC604

Subject: Request for Cost Reimbursement

The California Water Code (Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act), Section 13304, allows the Regional Water Board to recover reasonable expenses from a responsible party for overseeing cleanup of unpermitted discharges, contaminated properties, and other unregulated releases adversely affecting the waters of the State. Groundwater and soil at this site have been found to contain total petroleum hydrocarbons measured as motor oil and as diesel fuel. Discharges from the above-referenced site have affected and threaten to affect the State's water, specifically site groundwater. The beneficial uses of areal groundwater include domestic, municipal, industrial supply, agricultural supply, and freshwater replenishment.

Further monitoring, investigation, and cleanup are required, and it is our intent to recover costs for the regulatory oversight. The oversight work includes site inspections, coordination with other agencies, sampling, meetings, case discussions, and review of technical reports, workplans, and other related materials. Also, in compliance with California Water Code Section 13365, our agency is obligated to inform you every year of the following information regarding our recovery of oversight costs:

1. A detailed estimate of the work to be performed or services to be provided
2. A statement of the expected outcome of that work
3. The billing rates of all individuals and classes or employees expected to engage in the work
4. An estimate of all expected charges to be billed to you by this agency

ESTIMATE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED:

Regional Water Board staff estimate that the following work will be performed during fiscal year 2023/2024 on the site name site:

- Evaluate the site status to assess compliance with Regional Water Board requirements and California Water Code.
- Review the status of the site investigation and cleanup.
- Review reports, and any needed plan to complete site characterization.
- Conduct internal communications (i.e., meetings, memos, etc.) regarding the project.

STATEMENT OF EXPECTED OUTCOME:

- Completion of appropriate public participation activities for final cleanup remedy selection.
- Consistency with California Water Code and applicable regulations and policies
- Preparation of adequate management plans to address threats to water quality, human health, and environmental receptors from site contaminants.
- Documentation of Regional Water Board staff comments, directives, and responses related to the site.
- Documentation of meeting summaries, telephone conversation summaries, email communications to complete the file record.

BILLING RATES

Enclosure 1 is a summary of the billing rates for employees expected to perform the work and Enclosure 2 is a description of the billing process. The names and classifications of employees that charge time to this site will be listed on the invoices. The average billing rate is about \$215 per hour.

ESTIMATION OF EXPECTED CHARGES:

Regional Water Board staff expects to charge about five (5) hours of work related to this site during fiscal year 2023/2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). Based on the average billing rate of \$215 per hour, the estimate billing charge for this site during fiscal year 2023/2024 is about \$1,075.

Please sign and return to our agency the enclosed acknowledgment form (Enclosure 3) by **March 18, 2024**.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (707) 576-2466, or by email at Kelsey.McLaughlin@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Kelsey McLaughlin
Engineering Geologist

Enclosures:

Enclosure 1 –	Billing Rate Summary
Enclosure 2 –	Billing Rate Process
Enclosure 3 –	Acknowledgment of Receipt