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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Southern Pacific – Redwood Valley Station Mile  
Post Mile 122.0,  
Redwood Valley, California

Case No. 1NMC331  
Mendocino County

**Notice Posting Date: September 9, 2025**

**End of Comment Period: October 8, 2025**

An investigation at the site found a small amount of petroleum in shallow groundwater and limited arsenic in soil near the old railroad tracks. The petroleum was well below environmental screening levels, and the arsenic was confined to a small area. The property will be used in the future as a paved pedestrian and bike trail and is covered by a land use covenant requiring safe soil and groundwater management if the site is ever excavated.

The site meets the conditions for closure under State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 92-49. Regional Water Board staff propose no further cleanup work. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

#### Problem Description

As part of a 1994 due diligence prior to a property sale from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, soil and groundwater samples were collected at the former station. A minor amount of petroleum was found along with arsenic, and additional investigations in 1995, and 2021 defined the extent of these releases to a small area near and under the old railroad track. Ownership of the right of way transferred to the Great Redwood Trail agency in 2022. No water supply wells were impacted by this contamination.

**Proposed Action**

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Resolution 92-49](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html)"([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/site\\_cleanup\\_program/resolution\\_92\\_49.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html)).

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Tom Magney at (707) 543-7128 or <mailto:tom.magney@waterboards.ca.gov> with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Tom Magney  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

All records for this case are available electronically on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0604593587) at [https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0604593587](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0604593587)