

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 22 September through 21 November 2025 (60 days)

COUNTRYSIDE MARKET; 10848 COPPEROPOLIS ROAD, STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; LUST CASE #390783, GLOBAL ID #T0607700616; OSCF PROJECT #B0185

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed case closure of the Countryside Market leaking underground storage tank case, located at 10848 Cooperopolis Road in Stockton, CA (property). A map showing the investigation area and the current remaining extent of petroleum (gasoline) impact to groundwater is attached as Figure 1.

The property is currently a vacant lot on the south side of Copperopolis Road, approximately 75 feet east of S. Tulsa Avenue. Until the early 1990s, the property was occupied by a gas station. In 1993, the property owner removed two underground storage tanks. Testing of soil beneath the tanks indicated they had leaked gasoline into the ground. Between 1993 and 2024, the property owner installed/advanced 35 wells and borings on and around the property to assess and cleanup the leaked gasoline in soil and groundwater. The property owner performed various remediation (cleanup) activities, including excavation, soil vapor extraction, and air-sparge. Excavation consists of digging out contaminated soil from around the tanks. Soil vapor extraction consists of applying a vacuum to specialized wells above the water table to remove gasoline vapors from the ground. Air-sparge consist of pumping air into specialized wells below the water table to help break down the gasoline and make gasoline vapors rise toward the surface. Combined, these cleanup efforts removed **19,950 pounds** (approximately 3,325 gallons) of gasoline from beneath the property.

Central Valley Water Board staff has concluded that the remaining gasoline in the ground does not pose a threat to human health, the environment, or future property activities. The remaining gasoline in groundwater beneath and around the property will naturally break down within a reasonable amount of time. Due to the low threat, Central Valley Water Board staff recommends case closure under the State Water Board's Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider public comments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Alan M. Buehler with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities at Countryside Market:

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- Contact the Office of Public Engagement, Equity and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) at: (916) 341-5254 or LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov

Notice to the Hearing Impaired

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ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1: Site Map which shows the current remaining extent of petroleum impact to groundwater greater than water quality objectives

