
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE:

PROPOSED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 8 April 2024 through 7 June 2024

**SAVE CENTER NO. 2; 1039 ATWATER BOULEVARD, ATWATER, MERCED COUNTY;
LUST CASE #5T24000543, GLOBAL ID #T0604720839**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed case closure of the Save Center No. 2 leaking underground storage tank (UST) case located at 1039 Atwater Boulevard in Atwater, CA (property). A map of the previous soil and groundwater investigations on the subject property is attached as Figure 1.

The site property is currently a vacant lot on the location of a former gas station. In January 2003, the previous owner removed two gasoline USTs, one diesel UST, and the associated fuel dispensers from the property. Soil samples collected during the removal of the tanks and fuel dispensers contained petroleum compounds. In 2005, a consultant for the former property owner excavated 15 cubic feet of impacted soil from the former diesel fuel dispenser area. In 2017, Stantec installed four groundwater monitoring wells on the property to assess the groundwater impacts from the petroleum release.

During the four groundwater monitoring events that occurred from 2017 to 2023, petroleum was not detected above regulatory levels. In January 2024, consultants from Krazen-VEIR analyzed soil samples from the areas of the former USTs and dispenser islands on the property and did not detect any petroleum compounds above laboratory detection limits. In the 21 February 2024 *Limited Subsurface Assessment and Low-Threat Closure Policy Evaluation* report, Krazen-VEIR evaluated conditions in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* and concluded that any remaining petroleum from the release poses a low risk to human health.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the previous investigation results and has determined that the case may be eligible for closure. Central Valley Water Board staff is issuing this notice and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of properties near the Save Center No. 2 property and to other interested parties. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments they receive when evaluating the case closure.

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 Mitch Messmer with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities for Save Center No. 2:

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- Email the Office of Public Participation at OPP-languageServices@Waterboards.ca.gov

Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the site property 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 case closure of Save Center No. 2.

ATTACHMENT

Figure 1

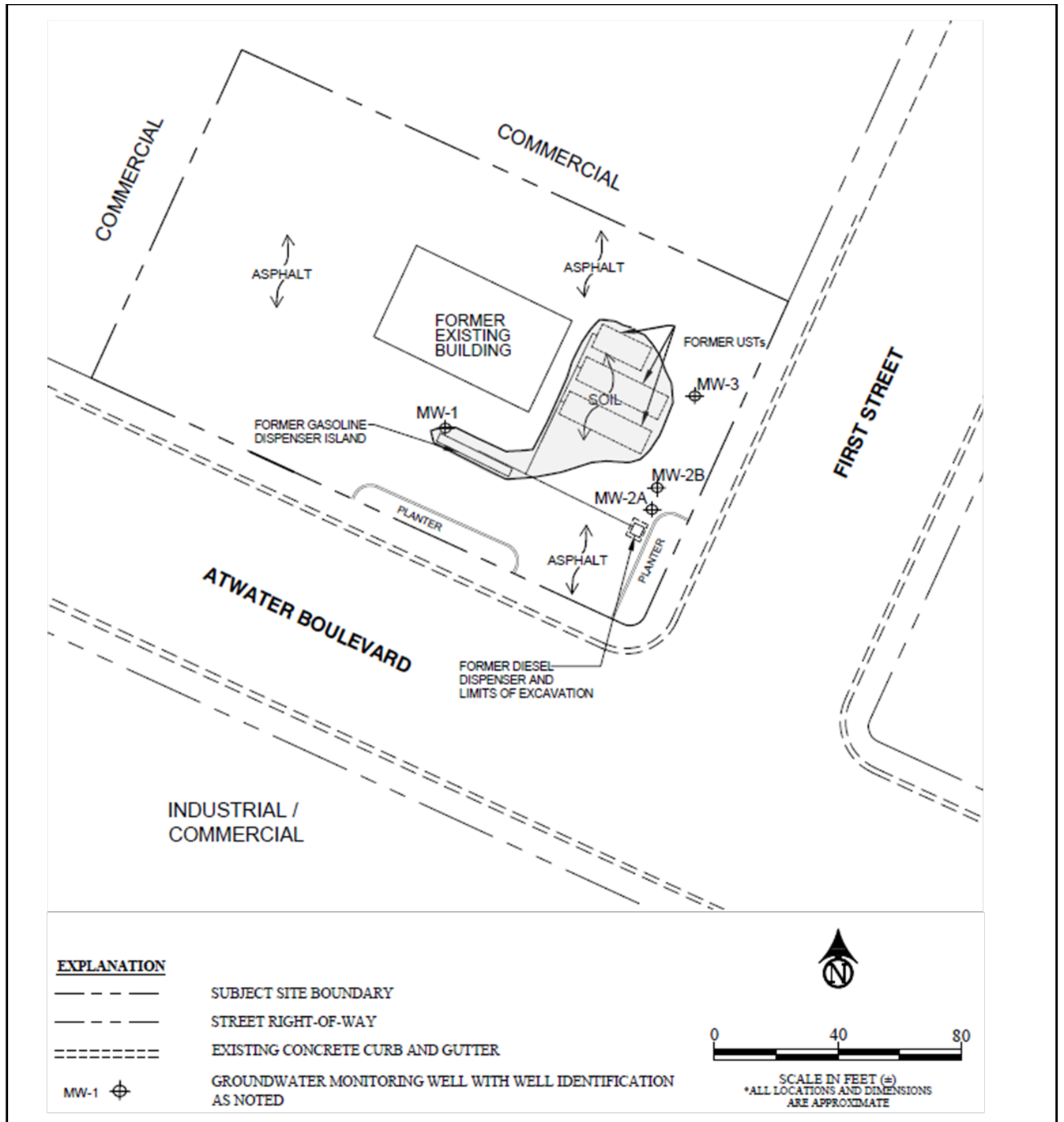


Figure 1: Site map from the 29 March 2023 *First Quarter 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Report* (available on GeoTracker)