PUBLIC NOTICE

Ramos Oil Tanker Spill – Elk Grove
Interstate 5 & Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, Sacramento County

Proposed No Further Action Determination

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 16 November 2026 through 16 December 2026

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The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) invites public comment on a request for No Further Action from Ramos Oil Company (Ramos) who is responsible for an accidental release of approximately 4,000-gallons of gasoline at the southbound Interstate 5 (I-5) vehicular on-ramp of Elk Grove Boulevard in Sacramento County (Site).

CASE SUMMARY:

On 28 December 2019, a Ramos fuel tanker overturned on the south shoulder of the Elk Grove Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-5, releasing approximately 4,000 gallons of gasoline onto the roadway, adjacent shoulder, storm drain system, and a stormwater detention pond. Environmental investigations identified petroleum hydrocarbon impacts to soil and groundwater, including total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPH-g), benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes (BTEX), and fuel oxygenates. The highest groundwater concentrations were identified near the storm drain outfall to the detention pond, with maximum concentrations of 12,000 micrograms per liter (µg/L) TPH-g and 1,100 µg/L benzene.

Following the release, Ramos completed corrective actions that included excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 1,355 tons of impacted soil and steam cleaning affected storm drainpipes. Residual soil contamination remains at concentrations below levels of concern for construction worker exposure. Ramos conducted groundwater investigations from 2020 through 2026 and results consistently showed that contaminant concentrations decrease rapidly away from the source area near the storm drain outfall. The groundwater plume has not increased in size and has not migrated. Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) was not detected above laboratory reporting limits.

The Site is located within a highway interchange which is expected to remain transportation-related for the foreseeable future. No water supply wells have been

identified within 1,000 feet of the release area, and the nearest surface water body is approximately 1,800 feet south of the Site. There are no occupied buildings or other sensitive receptors within the affected area.
Therefore, Central Valley Water Board staff conclude that the remaining petroleum hydrocarbon impacts do not pose a significant threat to human health, water quality, or the environment. Central Valley Water Board staff are providing this public notice of their intent to issue a No Further Action determination for the Site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Historical reports and the Request for No Further Action is available on the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker website at http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/ for the Ramos Oil Tanker Spill - Elk Grove at (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T10000013928) or by scanning the QR code below.

Scan the QR code to view the Geotracker webpage for this Site.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You may have questions or comments. If so, please contact the project manager, Isabella Hagopian, at the Central Valley Water Board. Comments on the planned regulatory closure of this Site should be submitted to Isabella Hagopian by **16 December 2026**.

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Figure 1. Site Location Map

