
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE
PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25296.10 AND
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
LOW-THREAT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE POLICY
SHIKUMA BROS., INC. (RESPONSIBLE PARTY)
SHIKUMA BROS FARMS, INC., 475 LAKEVIEW ROAD, WATSONVILLE, SANTA
CRUZ COUNTY (SITE)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed underground storage tank (UST) case closure for Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Case Number 2705.

Upon review of the case, the State Water Board may close or require the closure of any UST case if it is determined that corrective action has been completed in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 25296.10. Pursuant to State Water Board Resolution No. 2023-0036, the Executive Director or Chief Deputy Director of the State Water Board may close or require closure of cases that meet the criteria specified in the State Water Board's Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Policy) adopted by State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0016.

GeoTracker Case Record: <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=T0608700128>

A copy of this notice has been provided to the following entities, as applicable: the responsible party(ies); the UST owner/operator; the environmental consultant on record; the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board and local agency that have been overseeing corrective action; agencies with authority to issue building permits; owners and occupants of impacted property; owners and occupants of all parcels adjacent to impacted properties; the water replenishment district; the local water purveyor; the municipal water district; the county water district; and the special act district with groundwater management authority.

TRIBAL OUTREACH

Meaningful engagement with Native American Tribes is fundamental to the mission of the State Water Board. The State Water Board is proposing closure of a UST cleanup case and, if approved to move forward, closure procedures may involve destruction of wells and removal of underground equipment used for monitoring and remediation.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Native American Tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic location of the Site are invited to engage with the State Water Board regarding this proposed UST case closure. The Site is located at 475 Lakeview Road, Watsonville, Santa Cruz County. The geographic location of the Site is shown in the attached map and can be viewed on the GeoTracker Case Record webpage for this case (see link above).

The State Water Board welcomes comments, questions, and any other materials. Materials can be submitted by e-mail to: USTClosuresComments@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 10 megabytes in total size) with the subject “**Shikuma Bros Farms Inc., Proposed UST Case Closure, [Insert Name of Tribe]**”. Written comments may also be mailed to: Dayna Cordano at Dayna.Cordano@waterboards.ca.gov or Attention: Dayna Cordano, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812. All materials must be received by (**12:00 noon on Friday, July 31, 2026**).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A Case Closure Summary has been prepared that contains information about the UST case that forms the basis for the UST Cleanup Unit staff's recommendation to the Chief Deputy Director for the UST case closure. A draft order has been prepared that describes the proposed requirements for case closure.

Both documents are available to view or download on the [State Water Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/prop_closure_cases.html): https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/prop_closure_cases.html

Paper copies of the Case Closure Summary and the draft order are available upon request by writing to Dayna Cordano, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812; by calling Dayna Cordano at (916) 341-5385; or by email at: Dayna.Cordano@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments, evidence, and other material electronically. Comment letters can be submitted by e-mail to: USTClosuresComments@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 10 megabytes in total size) with the subject “**Comment Letter – Shikuma Bros Farms Inc., Proposed UST Case Closure.**” Written comments may also be mailed to:

Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program, 15th Floor
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812
or hand delivered to the following address:
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

In order to be fully considered, written comments must be received by:
12:00 noon on Friday, July 31, 2026.

Please direct questions about this notice to Dayna Cordano at (916) 341-5385 or Dayna.Cordano@waterboards.ca.gov; or Merswind Reyer (Attorney) at (916) 323-1669 or Merswind.Reyer@waterboards.ca.gov.



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