



November 20, 2014

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RE: Review of Request for Closure for SLIC Case No. RO00002892  
and GeoTracker Global ID SL0600100443, Chevron Pipeline,  
2793 Calaveras Road, Sunol CA 94586

Dear Mr. Wickham:

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has received the letter from Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) dated September 11, 2014, regarding Chevron Pipeline Company's request for closure for SLIC Case No. RO0002892. In response to your request for written verification regarding future groundwater usage and/or future development at the site, the SFPUC submits the responses below.

**Project Review and General Comments**

In order to address the questions posed by the ACEH letter, the SFPUC requested Chevron present their proposal at the bi-monthly Project Review meeting. Project Review is a "vetting" process to determine whether a project complies with applicable SFPUC policies and plans, including the Alameda Watershed Management Plan or, alternatively, to suggest how the project could be modified to comply. The SFPUC Natural Resources and Lands Management Division (NRLMD) convenes this forum, which includes Real Estate Services, Water Supply and Treatment, Water Quality, and Water Resources Divisions, and the Bureau of Environmental Management.

Chevron presented their proposal to close the site at the October 22, 2014 Project Review meeting. Chevron was represented by their contractor, URS and Mindi Kral, Environmental Permitting Specialist for Chevron. Based on the results of the meeting, the SFPUC does not object to Chevron's proposal to move forward with their request to close the site and to decommission the wells, provided that certain requirements are met (e.g., measures to ensure the

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protection of SFPUC infrastructure during construction activities, access notifications, providing GPS coordinates of the decommissioned wells and permanently marking them on-site, etc.). The SFPUC reserves the right to comment on the future closure request and to condition the request with applicable requirements.

### **Responses to Technical Comments**

**Section 4.2.1 of Closure Request.** ACEH has requested written verification from the SFPUC that groundwater use in the area of the site appears to be unlikely. The SFPUC verifies that no groundwater wells are planned to be located in this area, and that current lessees would be prohibited from installing groundwater wells without approval from the SFPUC and Zone 7 Water Agency. SFPUC will continue to pursue a proposed water recapture project, which is 0.88 miles north of the site on Alameda Creek. The recapture project would entail recapturing water released to Alameda Creek in the immediate vicinity of the Lehigh Hanson Aggregates mining operations south of I-680. Perimeter groundwater monitoring wells at the site have indicated that the contamination decreases significantly on the west side of Calaveras Road, and that contamination of creeks within the vicinity are at very low risk for future contamination from the site.

**Section 4.2.2 of the Closure Request.** ACEH has requested that the site management will indicate that building construction in the hillside area is not permitted without evaluation of the potential for vapor intrusion. The SFPUC has determined that any development or building on the east side of Calaveras Road at this location is unlikely. The area is currently leased to a cattle rancher, and no facilities are planned at this location anytime in the foreseeable future. There is some anecdotal evidence that this hillside in this location may be geologically unstable. In the event that the hillside at this location requires stabilization to protect Alameda County, SFPUC or Chevron assets, environmental analysis would be required and appropriate mitigation measures would be implemented, including an assessment for potential hazardous materials exposure. If any remedial activities, mitigation measures, or other requirements related to the contamination at this site are necessary, the SFPUC expects that Chevron would remain responsible.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Casey Sondgeroth of my staff at [csondgeroth@sfgwater.org](mailto:csondgeroth@sfgwater.org) or 415-554-1566.

Sincerely,



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