Response to Comments Received from Ravi Sekhon (Responsible Party), Received December 5, 2013, Claim 14095

On June 13, 2013 you gave Fund Staff permission to pursue case closure. The Fund staff has advanced subject Site through the 60-day Public Notice period of the closure process.

A comment letter from Ravi Sekhon was received, December 5, 2013, commenting on two concerns:

1. The first concern is that a law suit is pending from a neighboring property owner and you does not want the cleanup activities to stop until that law suit is settled.

<u>Response</u>: The Site conditions meet the criteria for closure under the Low Threat Closure Policy. Additionally, the petroleum hydrocarbons emanating from the neighboring property, in our opinion, could not hydrogeologically have come from your property for the following reasons:

• The groundwater is four to five feet lower elevation on the former Dairy Site than on the former service station,

• The historic groundwater flow direction is west to southwest away from 6620 Foothill Boulevard, (see attached figures) due to the higher groundwater elevations beneath the former dairy, and

- No preferential pathways (sewer lines) could be found that intersect groundwater.
- 2. The second concern is that you (Ravi Sekhon) is personally responsible for the law suit if the case is closed.

<u>Response</u>: The case meets all the criteria of the Low threat Closure Policy and no additional cleanup activities are necessary. Based on the review performed in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 25196.10 subdivision (a), the Fund Manager has determined that closure of the case is appropriate.