
**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attachment B**

**Cannabis Water Quality Inspection Report, Lee Site,
Siskiyou County APN 011-120-010, WDID No 1_47MJ00370**

Inspection Date and Time: July 12, 2023, 07:55 to 17:00

Landowners: Vince Wavue Vince Wavue Lee and Toua C Lee
12115 Saint George Drive, Montague, CA 96064

Site Location: Unknown address, Montague, CA 96064

Latitude/Longitude: (41.637934, -122.343582)

County: Siskiyou

Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 011-1520-010 (the Site)

Warrant Information: Lead: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Case agent: Morrone

Type: Criminal Search Warrant

Inspector: Adona White, Water Resources Control Engineer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) was part of Team 1 and was lead inspector for areas A through K, as documented in the inspection report.

Casey Yearout, State Water Resources Control Board, was lead inspector for Team 2 and inspected Area 1 through 13, as he documented them in a separate inspection report (Attachment C).

Inspection Report Author: Adona White on August 9, 2023

Background

The Site is comprised of a 332-acre parcel located within the Harry Cash Area of the Mount Shasta Vista subdivision. On July 12, 2023, CDFW executed a criminal search warrant on the Site. Two teams inspected the Site. The areas I inspected are summarized in this report. Also on the inspection were representatives from CDFW, California Department of Cannabis Control, California Department of Tax and Fee

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Administration, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, the Siskiyou County Department of Environmental Health, and Siskiyou County Code Enforcement.

Inspection Observations

The map and photo appendix provides the location and description of the features of concern to water quality on the portion of the Site that I inspected. Figure 2 provides an aerial image of the Site, with eleven cultivation areas (Areas A through K) that Team 1 inspected and includes my GPS inspection track. Each area is then summarized with an inspection map, photos and descriptions of features of concern to water quality, including cultivation areas, associated infrastructure and materials and disturbed land areas.

Of particular concern to water quality were the following observations:

- The soil in the area is sandy allowing for pollutants to be easily transported to groundwater.
- Active cannabis cultivation activities without regulatory coverage were observed at Areas A through K.
- Inactive cultivation areas with an accumulation of potting soil, plastic sheeting and netting, pipe, fertilizer containers, and cultivation waste.
- Accumulations of trash
- Improper disposal of cultivation related materials and trash, including plastic, by burning them on the ground resulting in an unauthorized discharge to land where it can be mobilized in rainfall and poses a threat to groundwater (Area A Location 10; Area B Location 10; Area G Locations 1, 2, 4 and 9; Area H Locations 9 and 10; and Area I Locations 3 and 4).
- Improper storage of fertilizers, pesticides, and petroleum products that lacked measures to prevent discharges to land.
- Inadequate storage and use of potentially illegal pesticides (Area B Location 3; Area F Location 3; Area J Location 5)
- Gas powered pumps that lacked measures to prevent the discharge of petroleum products to land in a manner that threatens water quality.
- I observed discharges of petroleum discharges to land in a manner that threatens groundwater (Area F Location 4; Area G Location 2; Area J Location 5).

- Nutrient mixing totes and water storage tanks that lacked containment measures, overflow prevention devices, and other measures to prevent discharges.
- Unauthorized discharge of wastewater from a flush toilet to land without an onsite waste treatment system authorized by the County and in conformance with the State Water Resources Control Board Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy (Area B Location 7).

Inspection Recommendations

1. Cease unauthorized cannabis cultivation.
2. Cease burning household and cultivation-related trash and properly dispose all refuse at a legal disposal facility.
3. Discontinue use of and dismantle any outhouse/pit toilet features and work with Siskiyou County to ensure that all domestic and human wastes are collected and disposed of consistent with applicable County requirements and consistent with the State Water Resources Control Board Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy.
4. Remove cultivation infrastructure and properly dispose of waste including trash, fertilizer, pesticide and petroleum containers, plastic tarps and sheeting,
5. Properly dispose of all pesticides or fertilizers at a legal disposal facility.
6. Properly contain petroleum products to prevent spillage and release; properly dispose of waste oil at a legal disposal facility.
7. Cleanup and remediate the Site to ensure that additional discharges and threats of discharges of fertilizers, petroleum, chemicals and other deleterious materials are prevented during rain events and at times of elevated surface water flow.
8. Contact me at Adona.White@waterboards.ca.gov or 707-576-2672 to discuss your plans to cleanup and remediate the site conditions that threaten water quality.

Enforcement Discretion

The observations in this report will be assessed for violations of the California Water Code. The Regional Water Board and the State Water Board reserve the right to take any enforcement action authorized by law.

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Map and Photo Log, Lee Site, Water Quality Inspection Report, Team 1 July 12, 2023 Inspection of Siskiyou County APN 011-120-010

All photographs taken by Adona White on July 12, 2023.

Inspection Maps

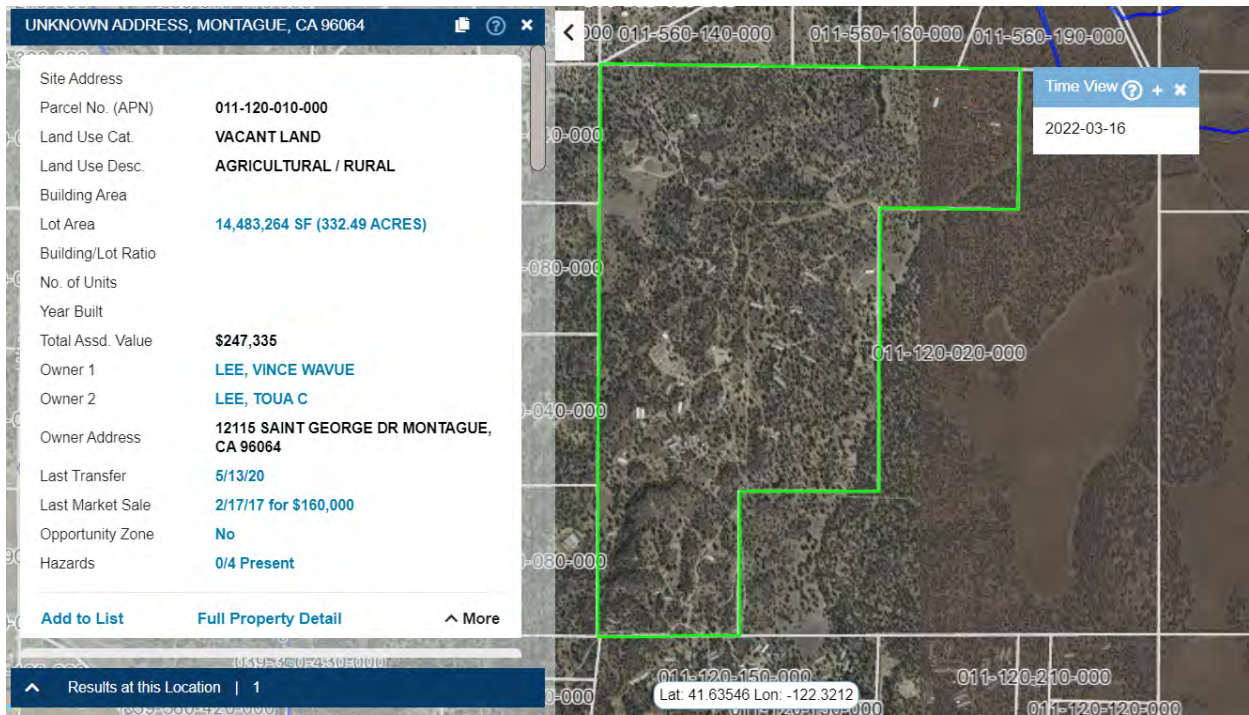


Figure 1. Ownership and parcel information of Site.

Area A:



Figure 3. Area A inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 4. Active greenhouse cultivation at location 1.



Figure 5. At location 2, water storage is in above ground swimming pool, 22 ft diameter and 4 ft deep. Style is consistent with those observed at other sites in the neighborhood.



Figure 6. Fertilizers stored uncontained at location 3.



Figure 7. Feed tank at location 3.



Figure 8. Point Feature 4: water storage tank.



Figure 9. Point Feature 5: trash containment area.



Figure 10. Location 5: trash containment area. Includes colored liquids stored in water bottles, which are often associated with mixing pesticides.



Figure 11. Clone trays at location 6.



Figure 12. Gas pump leaking water near old greenhouse.



Figure 13. Greenhouse cultivation at location 8.



Figure 14. Greenhouse cultivation at location 8.



Figure 15. Feed tank, fertilizer containers, and gas pump at cultivation area at location 8.



Figure 16. High concentration water soluble fertilizers at location 9.



Figure 17. Location 10 is a trash burn pit and includes plastic and pyrethrum fumigating bomb container.



Figure 18. Burned pyrethrum bomb location 10.



Figure 19. Greenhouse cultivation at location 11.



Figure 20. Greenhouse cultivation at location 11. Note the numerous foggers installed through-out the greenhouse.



Figure 21. Box of Real Kill indoor foggers near the location 11 cultivation area. Product information suggests that this is not for garden use and is not edible.



Figure 22. Feed tanks at location 11 cultivation area.



Figure 23. Water storage pool at point location 12.



Figure 24. Two water storage tanks at location 12.



Figure 25. Inactive outdoor cultivation area at location 13.



Figure 26. Cultivation area at location 14.



Figure 27. Feed tank, fertilizer, and gas pump at location 14.



Figure 28. Cultivation area and associated disturbed area at location 14.

Area B:

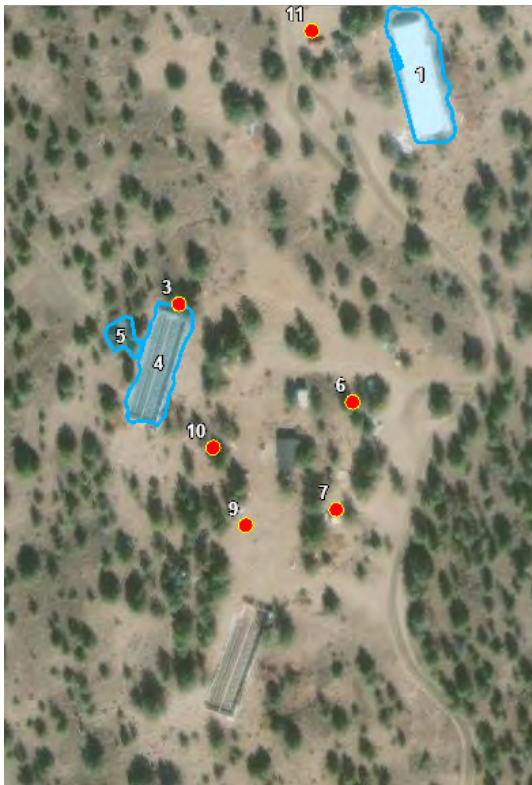


Figure 29. Area B inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 30. Cultivation area at location 1 is in a greenhouse.



Figure 31. Feed tanks at location 1.



Figure 32. Water storage tanks at location 2.



Figure 33. At location 3 I observed numerous bottles pesticides, including Avid, Happy Spray, Malathion, Aza Mix, and an unlabeled bottle with brown liquid.



Figure 34. Pesticide bottles at location 3.



Figure 35. Greenhouse cultivation at location 4.



Figure 36. Nursery at location 5.



Figure 37. Defunct pool at location 6.



Figure 38. Toilet shed at location 7.



Figure 39. Toilet in shed at location 7.



Figure 40. Toilet waste at location 7 is released via a line to the ground.



Figure 41. Inactive greenhouse and disturbed soil area at location 8.



Figure 42. Evidence of a burned trash at location 10, along with a bottle of oil.

Area C:



Figure 43. Area C inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 44. Cultivation area at location 1 with greenhouse, water storage in a pool, and fertilizers.



Figure 45. Location 1 greenhouse cultivation.



Figure 46. Outbuilding at location2.

Area D



Figure 47. Area D inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 48. Interior of greenhouse at location 1.



Figure 49. Feed tanks, fertilizer, and pump at location 1.



Figure 50. Fertilizer container at location 1.



Figure 51. Shed at location 3.



Figure 52. Pool with pump to greenhouse at location 2.

Area E1



Figure 53. Area E1 inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 54. Building at location 1.



Figure 55. Trash at location 1.



Figure 56. Dumpster at location 2.



Figure 57. Inactive greenhouse at location 3 with potting soil piled on ground.



Figure 58. Greenhouse cultivation at location 4.



Figure 59. Unlabeled bottles with unknown liquids and a pump sprayer at location 4.



Figure 60. Location 6 water storage, feed tanks, fertilizer, and pump.

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Figure 61. High concentration water soluble fertilizer at location 6.

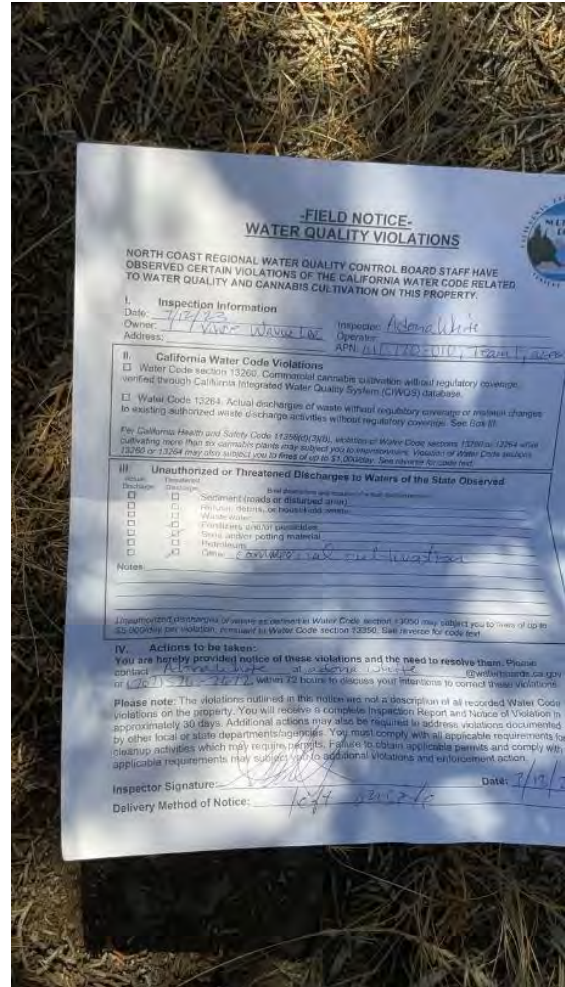


Figure 62. Field notice I left onsite for area E1.

Area E2



Figure 63. Area E2 inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 64. Cultivation area at location 1.



Figure 65. Water storage tanks and pump at location 2, similar to those observed at previous locations.



Figure 66. Greenhouse cultivation at location 3.



Figure 67. Water storage and feed tanks, and pump at location 3.




Figure 68. Fertilizer container storage at location 3.



Figure 69. Fertilizer at location 3.

-FIELD NOTICE-
WATER QUALITY VIOLATIONS



NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD STAFF HAVE OBSERVED CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE RELATED TO WATER QUALITY AND CANNABIS CULTIVATION ON THIS PROPERTY.

I. Inspection Information
 Date: 7/12/23 Inspector: Alicia White
 Owner: Vince Ward Operator: _____
 Address: _____ APN: _____

II. California Water Code Violations
 Water Code section 13260. Commercial cannabis cultivation without regulatory coverage, verified through California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database.
 Water Code 13264. Actual discharges of waste without regulatory coverage or material changes to existing authorized waste discharge activities without regulatory coverage. See Box III.

The California Health and Safety Code 11359(a)(3)(B), violation of Water Code sections 13260 or 13264 while cultivating more than six cannabis plants may subject you to imprisonment. Violation of Water Code sections 13260 or 13264 may also subject you to fines of up to \$1,000/day. See reverse for code text.

III. Unauthorized or Threatened Discharges to Waters of the State Observed

Actual Discharge	Observed	Brief description and location of actual discharges only
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sediment (roads or disturbed area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refuse, debris, or household waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fertilizers and/or pesticides
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soils and/or potting material
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Petroleum
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: <u>commercial cultivation</u>

Notes: _____

Unauthorized discharges of waste as defined in Water Code section 13050 may subject you to fines of up to \$5,000/day per violation, pursuant to Water Code section 13350. See reverse for code text.

V. Actions to be taken:
 You are hereby provided notice of these violations and the need to resolve them. Please contact Alicia White at alicia.white@waterboards.ca.gov or (707) 596-3677, within 72 hours to discuss your intentions to correct these violations.

Please note: The violations outlined in this notice are not a description of all recorded Water Code violations on the property. You will receive a complete Inspection Report and Notice of Violation in approximately 30 days. Additional actions may also be required to address violations documented by other local or state departments/agencies. You must comply with all applicable requirements, including water quality which may require permits. Failure to obtain applicable permits and comply with applicable requirements may subject you to additional violations and enforcement action.

Inspector Signature: _____ Date: 7/12/23
 Delivery Method of Notice: left onsite

Figure 70. Field notice for area E2 I left onsite with the case agent.

Area F



Figure 71. Area F inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 72. Greenhouse cultivation at location 1.



Figure 73. Shed at location 2.



Figure 74. Porto Potty at location 3.



Figure 75. Water storage in pool at location 4.



Figure 76. Feed tanks and pump at location 4 with petroleum stains on the ground.



Figure 77. Fertilizer at location 4.



Figure 78. Outdoor cultivation area at location 5.

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Figure 79. Plastic Netting wadded at location 5.

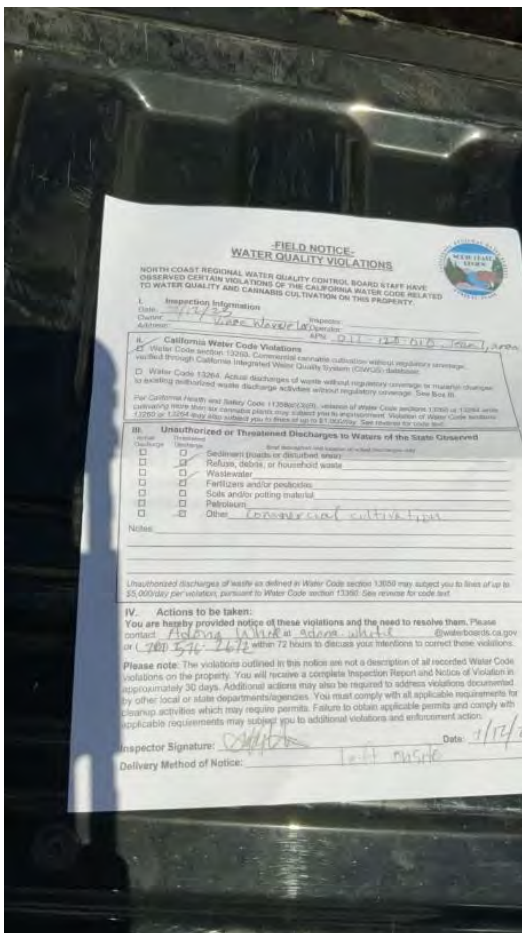


Figure 80. Field notice I left onsite with case agent for Area F.

Area G

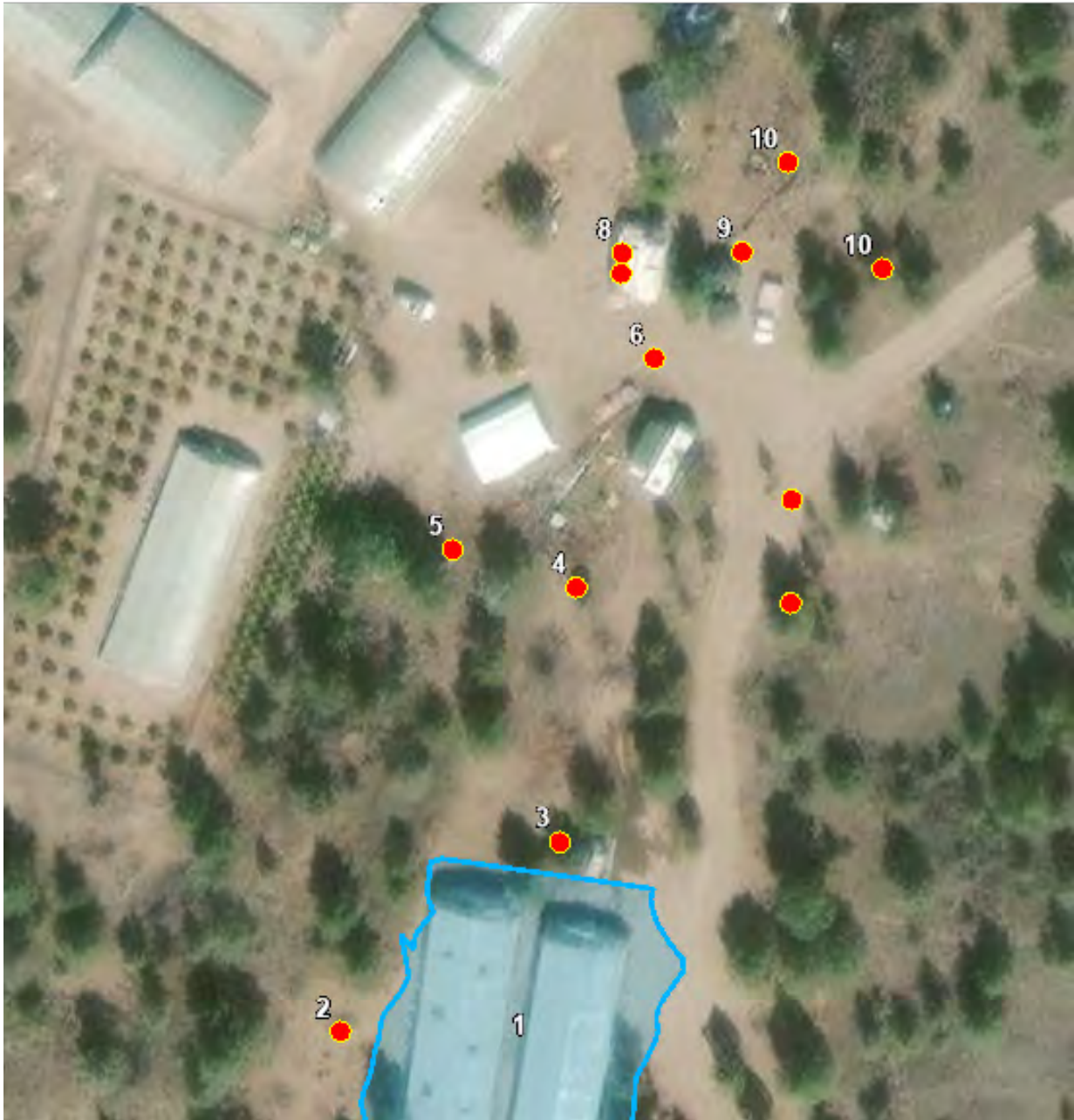


Figure 81. Area G inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 82. Location 1 is a cultivation area with three greenhouses.



Figure 83. At location 2, I observed at least 4 areas where light deprivation tarps had been burned.



Figure 84. Location 2 burned tarp.



Figure 85. Location 2 burned tarp.



Figure 86. Location 2 burned tarp.



Figure 87. Feed tanks, pump, and fertilizers and pesticides are at location 3.



Figure 88. Fertilizers at location 3.



Figure 89. Pesticides at location 3.



Figure 90. Pesticides at location 3.



Figure 91. Burned tarps at location 4.



Figure 92. Water storage pool at location 5.



Figure 93. Building connected to an RV at location 6.



Figure 94. Generator at location 7.



Figure 95. Burn ring with plastic melted on rocks at location 9.



Figure 96. Porto potties at location 10.



Figure 97. Water storage and pump at location 9.

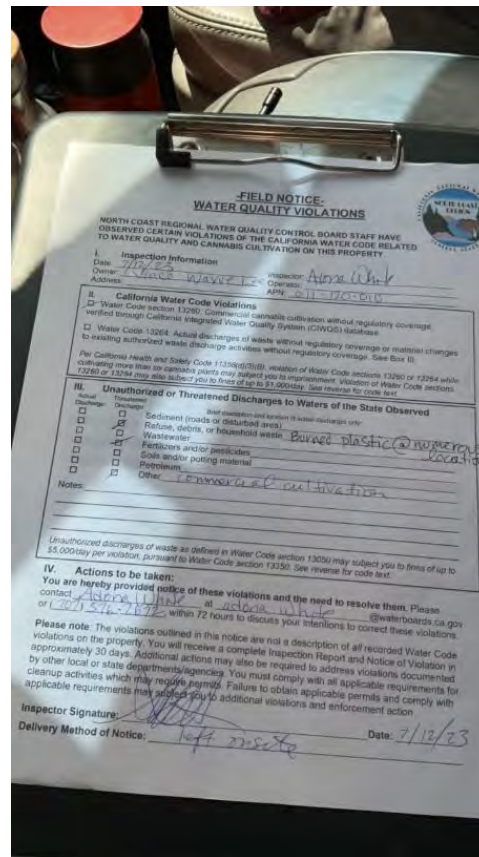


Figure 98. Field notice I left onsite with case agent for Area G.

Area H



Figure 99. Area H inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 100. Generator with petroleum stains on ground at location 2.



Figure 101. Porto potty at location 1.



Figure 102. Dwelling building at location 3.



Figure 103. Location 4 greenhouse cultivation.



Figure 104. Location 5 bunk room.



Figure 105. Fertilizer at Location 7.



Figure 106. Fertilizers and gas cans at location 7.



Figure 107. Water storage tank and feed tanks and pump at location 8.



Figure 108. Feed tanks at location 8.




Figure 109. Burn ring at location 9 with metal and containers.



Figure 110. Burn ring at location 10 with cultivation waste and plastic.

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I. Inspection Information
 Date: 7/12/23 Inspector: Adona White
 Owner: Vince Wanner Lee Operator: _____
 Address: _____ APN: SIS 011-120-010

II. California Water Code Violations
 Water Code section 13260. Commercial cannabis cultivation without regulatory coverage verified through California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database.
 Water Code 13264. Actual discharges of waste without regulatory coverage or material changes to existing authorized waste discharge activities without regulatory coverage. See Box III.

Per California Health and Safety Code 11354(d)(3)(B), violation of Water Code sections 13260 or 13264 while cultivating more than six cannabis plants may subject you to imprisonment. Violation of Water Code sections 13260 or 13264 may also subject you to fines of up to \$1,000/day. See reverse for code text.

III. Unauthorized or Threatened Discharges to Waters of the State Observed

Actual Discharge	Threatened Discharge	Other description and location of actual discharges only.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sediment (roads or disturbed area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refuse, debris, or household waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fertilizers and/or pesticides
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soils and/or potting material
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petroleum
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <u>commercial cultivation</u>

Notes: _____

Unauthorized discharges of waste as defined in Water Code section 13050 may subject you to fines of up to \$5,000/day per violation, pursuant to Water Code section 13250. See reverse for code text.

IV. Actions to be taken:
 You are hereby provided notice of these violations and the need to resolve them. Please contact Adona White at adona.white @waterboards.ca.gov or (707) 576-2672 within 72 hours to discuss your intentions to correct these violations.

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Inspector Signature: _____ Date: 7/12/23
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Figure 111. Field notice I left onsite with case agent for Area H.

Area I

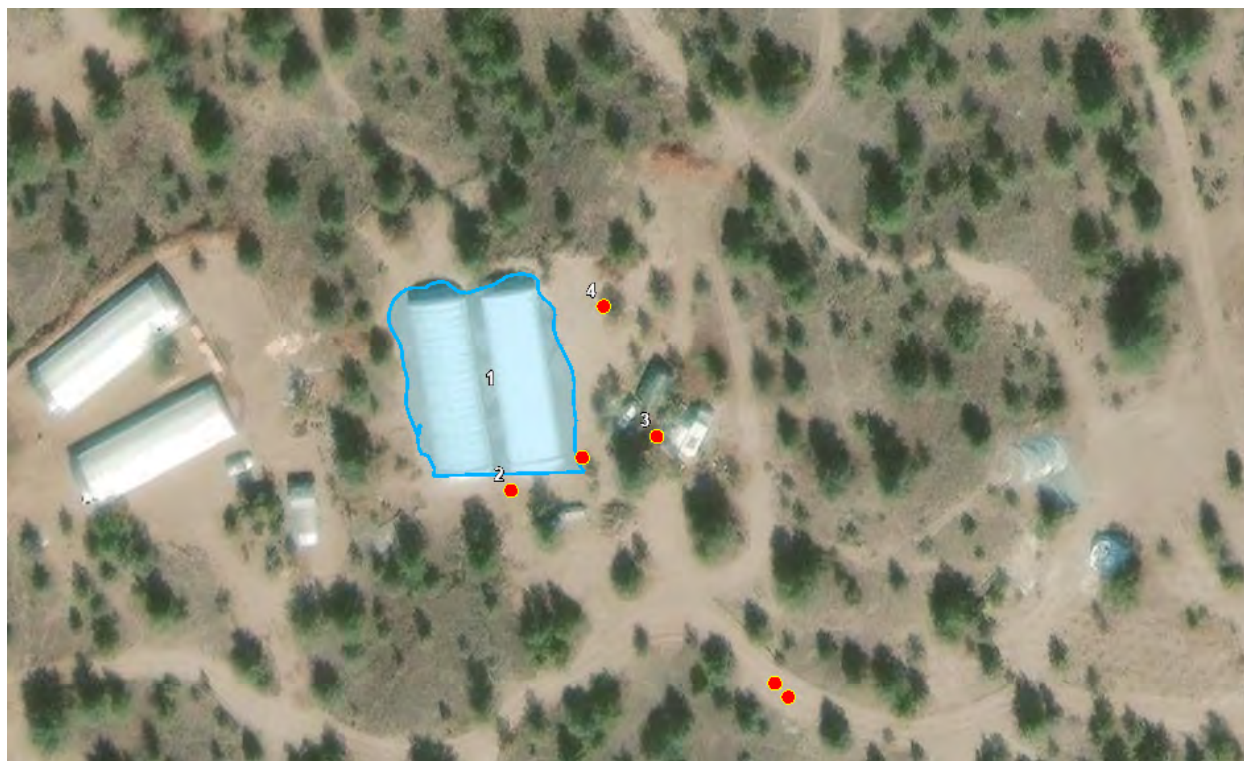


Figure 112. Area I inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.

Location 1 is greenhouse cultivation.



Figure 113. Feed tanks and pump at location 2.



Figure 114. Burned trash including plastic at location 3.



Figure 115. Burned plastic at location 4.

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I. Inspection Information
 Date: 7/12/23 Inspector: Adora White
 Owner: Nancy Waver Lee Operator:
 Address: APN 011-120-010, Jesse L, Sak I

II. California Water Code Violations
 Water Code section 13260. Commercial cannabis cultivation without regulatory coverage, verified through California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database.
 Water Code 13264. Actual discharges of waste without regulatory coverage is material changes to existing authorized waste discharge activities without regulatory coverage. See Box III.

For California Health and Safety Code 113580(d)(1), violation of Water Code sections 13260 or 13264 while cultivating more than six cannabis plants may subject you to imprisonment, violation of Water Code sections 13260 or 13264 may also subject you to fines of up to \$1,000/day. See reverse for code text.

III. Unauthorized or Threatened Discharges to Waters of the State Observed

Actual Discharge	Discharge	Site description, and nature of actual discharge, only
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sediment (roads or disturbed area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rubbish, debris, or household waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fertilizers and/or pesticides
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soils and/or potting material
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patroleum
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: <u>Commercial Cultivation</u>

Notice: _____

Unauthorized discharges of waste as defined in Water Code section 13029 may subject you to fines of up to \$1,000/day per violation, pursuant to Water Code section 13265. See reverse for code text.

IV. Actions to be taken:
 You are hereby provided notice of these violations and the need to resolve them. Please contact Adora White at adora.white@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 576-7472 ext. 72 to discuss your intentions to correct these violations.

Please note: The violations outlined in this notice are not a description of all reported Water Code violations on the property. You will receive a complete Inspection Report and Notice of Violation in approximately 30 days. Additional actions may also be required to address violations documented by other local or state departments/agencies. You must comply with all applicable requirements for cannabis cultivation which may require permits to obtain applicable permits and comply with applicable requirements for cannabis cultivation, including all associated positions and enforcement action.

Inspector Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/12/23
 Delivery Method of Notice: left onsite

Figure 116. Field notice for Area I that I left on site with case agent.

Area J



Figure 117. Area J inspection map with Locations of interest marked and discussed in the text.



Figure 118. Greenhouse cultivation at location 1.



Figure 119. Feed tank at location 1.



Figure 120. Trash at location 2.



Figure 121. Building at location 4.



Figure 122. Pesticides at location 5, including an unlabeled bottle.



Figure 123. Generator at location 5 with stained ground from spill.



Figure 124. Porto Potty at location 7.

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I. Inspection Information
 Date: 7/12/23 Inspector: Adona White
 Owner: _____ Operator: _____
 Address: _____ APN: 011-120-010, 1000 I, 1010 J

II. California Water Code Violations
 Water Code section 13200. Commercial cannabis cultivation without regulatory coverage, verified through California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database.
 Water Code 13264. Actual discharges of waste without regulatory coverage or material changes to existing authorized waste discharge activities without regulatory coverage. See Box III.

For California Health and Safety Code 113560.1(a)(2), violation of Water Code sections 13200 or 13264 while cultivating more than six cannabis plants may subject you to imprisonment. Violation of Water Code sections 13200 or 13264 may also subject you to fines of up to \$1,000/day. See reverse for code text.

III. Unauthorized or Threatened Discharges to Waters of the State Observed

Actual Discharge	Threatened Discharge	Field description and location of actual discharges only
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sediment (roads or disturbed area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refuse, debris, or household waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fertilizers and/or pesticides <u>untreated pesticide</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soils and/or potting media
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Petroleum <u>spills & degeneration</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <u>contaminated & deforestation</u>

Notes: _____

Unauthorized discharges of waste as defined in Water Code section 13050 may subject you to fines of up to \$5,000/day per violation, pursuant to Water Code section 13350. See reverse for code text.

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Figure 125. Field notice for Area J that I left onsite with case agent.