

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board August 4, 2022

California's Consolidated Debris Removal Program

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California has been experiencing a significant increase in the number of wildfire occurrences over the past few years, including in both scale and severity. Sadly, these fires have also been increasingly impacting both rural and urban communities, resulting in loss of lives, homes, and structures.

These disasters often create a significant amount of debris, which can include ash, metal, concrete, building materials, contaminated soil, and hazardous materials. All these materials must be carefully removed and managed to reduce threats to public health and safety, protect the environment, and help communities recover and rebuild. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), as well as CalRecycle, are mission tasked to manage these cleanup efforts through Consolidated Debris Removal Program. The State's Consolidated Debris Removal Program has two phases:

In Phase I, local government, state and federal agencies have organized teams of experts and contractors to inspect the property and assess, make safe, and/or remove any household hazardous waste that may pose a threat to human health, animals, and the environment such as batteries, herbicides, pesticides, propane tanks, asbestos siding, and paints. Phase I is

automatic and includes all residential properties that have been destroyed by the fires.

In Phase II, a landowner must sign a right of entry to participate in the Consolidated Debris Removal Program, thus allowing local, state and federal officials to conduct fire-related debris removal from the property. This second phase includes site assessments, asbestos assessment and abatement, debris removal associated with burned structures, soil analysis, hazard tree removal, and erosion control.

The Consolidated Debris Removal Program is implemented following a proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor through signed executive orders which initiates a process to support impacted communities and bolster wildfire response and recovery efforts

As part of the cleanup process, CalOES and CalRecycle oversee a rapid and efficient process to address these environmental hazards. To expedite the process, the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) have been issuing temporary emergency suspensions of most of the state's normal regulatory programs in exchange for a comprehensive "Environmental Protection Plan" or "EPP". The EPP combines the various state agency programs into one consolidated set of environmental protection measures that are

required to be adhered to during cleanup of burned structures and removal of hazardous trees.

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Board staff have been participating in the development of the EPP each year, fine tuning it to ensure water quality protections are maximized, and periodically engaging with CalOES and CalRecycle during the planning and implementation of the Consolidated Debris Removal Program.

Currently, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has not been provided resources to engage in the oversight of the Consolidated Debris Removal Program, which hampers our ability to dedicate full time staff towards engaging in this process. Instead, given the public health and water quality protections afforded by this Program, the Nonpoint Source and Surface Water Protection Division's 401 Program and Forest Activities Program have been diverting its staff and resources from regular work to engage in the Consolidated Debris Removal Program, as time allows.

In 2022, the CalOES and CalRecycle, along with the other pertinent state regulatory agencies, have been working to develop the next iteration of the Consolidated Debris Removal Program, with the goal of it enduring for a period of five years. Staff will continue to participate in its auditing role to ensure that the Consolidated Debris Removal Program is being implemented in a manner that adheres to the EPP environmental protection standards.



Image 1: View of burned property adjacent to a stream corridor following the 2017 Tubbs Fire.



Image 2: Burned vehicle following the 2017 Tubbs Fire.



Plan for transitioning Region 1 Wineries to coverage under the statewide Winery General Permit Rachel Prat

The Wine Institute reports that there are 4,200 bonded wineries in California producing 242 million cases (over 570 million gallons!) of wine. Less than 20 percent of these bonded wineries are currently permitted by the Water Boards through general waste discharge requirements, individual waste discharge requirements, or a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements. This permitting rate holds in the North Coast Region where only 109 wineries are currently under permit and over 500 additional wineries in the region are unpermitted.

On January 20, 2021, the State Water Board adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for Winery Process Water (General Permit) to provide streamlined and consistent statewide permitting of winery process water discharges to land for new and existing wineries. General Permit Enrollment is tier-based, based on the total volume of process wastewater generated annually. As stated in the General Permit, it is the intent of the State Water Board for the General Permit to be the primary permitting mechanism for wineries in the state. However, the General Permit provides that wineries covered by

individual WDRs, general WDRs, or a conditional waiver of WDRs may continue discharging under that authority until those orders expire or come up for renewal. At that time, or earlier at the discretion of the regional water board, regional water boards must enroll all eligible wineries under the General Permit.

The General Permit requires that all new wineries must apply for coverage under the General Permit at least 180 days prior to commencement of operations and comply with the Permit's requirement at start up. Existing wineries that are not currently permitted are required to seek coverage under the General Permit by submitting to the Regional Water Board a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) within 3 years of adoption of the General Permit (i.e., January 20, 2024), unless otherwise notified of an earlier enrollment date by the Regional Water Board.

Current Winery Regulation in Region 1

Currently in Region 1, winery discharges are permitted by either an individual WDR Order or enrollment in one of four regionwide general Orders eligible for discharges of winery waste. The following table lists the Orders and the number of wineries permitted under them. Staff believes that a majority of these wineries will be eligible for General Permit enrollment.

WDR Order	Total Wineries	Eligible for Statewide Winery General Permit
R1-2002-0012	21	20
(Winery WDRs)		
Individual WDRs	30	29
R1-2017-0039 (Conditional Waiver for Low Threat Discharges)	4	4
R1-2021-0001 (WBFP¹ Waiver)	32	30

WDR Order	Total Wineries	Eligible for Statewide Winery General Permit
R1-2016-0002	15	14
(WBFP WDRs)		
Total	102	97

¹Wine Beverage and Food Processor

Region 1 Implementation Plan for General Permit Enrollment

Regional Water Board staff has prepared an Implementation Plan for the use of the General Permit for new and existing wineries in the North Coast Region. The objectives of the Region 1 Implementation Plan are to:

- Comply with the intent and the enrollment timelines established in the General Permit.
- Ensure an orderly transition for enrollment in the General Permit.
- 3. Balance the limited resources of the Groundwater Permitting Unit staff with the enrollment objectives of the General Permit.

Because of the large number of wineries that must be enrolled under the General Permit, Regional Water Board staff has developed a strategy that first prioritizes enrollment of unregulated wineries, then utilizes a phased approach to transitioning already permitted wineries to coverage under the General Permit.

Priority 1: Process enrollment applications for unregulated wineries

On behalf of Regional Water Board staff, State Water Board staff will contact approximately 510 unregulated wineries in the Region and notify them of the availability of the General Permit for enrollment and the deadline date for submittal of the Notice of Intent (NOI) application to the Regional Water Board.

After receiving an application, Regional Water Board technical staff will:

- Review the NOI, submitted technical reports, and proposed compliance schedules.
- Confirm/determine the winery's appropriate coverage tier.
- Develop a discharge-specific Monitoring and Reporting Program order
- 4. Develop a compliance schedule, if applicable.
- Issue the Notice of Applicability (NOA) letter.

It is anticipated that not all of the contacted wineries will be required to apply for enrollment under the Winery General Permit because the winery qualifies for an exemption based on wastewater discharge volume, or an exemption because the winery discharges process wastewater to a regulated municipal or industrial wastewater treatment facility, or the winery temporarily stores its process wastewater for later disposal as part of a local tank and haul program. Wineries that are deemed ineligible for coverage under the Winery General Permit will be required to apply for enrollment under one of the Regional Water Board's Wine Beverage and Food Processor (WBFP) general Orders or apply for an individual facility specific WDR Order.

Priority 2: Transition currently regulated wineries to the General Permit

There are a total of 102 regulated wineries in the North Coast Region that are currently authorized to discharge winery waste to land. Staff estimates that 97 of these regulated wineries are eligible for coverage under the General Permit. Consistent with enrollment conditions of the General Permit, these wineries may continue discharging under the authority of their current Order until it expires or comes up for renewal. Enrollment of currently permitted wineries in the General Permit will be conducted in phases, as follows:

<u>Phase 1</u>: Transition wineries still permitted under Order No. R1-2002-0012, a regionwide general winery WDR Order, over to the

General Permit. The 2002 Order is no longer available for enrollments. It was replaced by the two regionwide WBFP general Orders in 2016. After the wineries now enrolled in the 2002 Order are transitioned over to the General Permit, the 2002 Order will be scheduled for rescission.

Phase 2: Transition wineries permitted under individual WDRs. The individual WDRs for these wineries range from 21 to 37 years old and do not include requirements as protective as the General Permit. After an individual WDR winery is transitioned over to the General Permit, their individual WDR will be scheduled for rescission.

Phase 3: Transition wineries permitted under Order No. R1-2017-0039, Conditional Waiver of WDRs for Low Threat Waste Discharges. The Low Threat Waiver Order expires in December 2022. A revised Low Threat Waiver is scheduled for adoption in December of 2022. If adopted, it will have an expiration date of December 2027. Wineries enrolled under the existing or renewed Low Threat Waiver will be enrolled under the General Permit if they are eligible.

Phase 4: Transition wineries permitted under Order No. R1-2016-0002, WBFP WDR Order. Discharges authorized by the WBFP WDRs are larger in volume than those enrolled under Order No. R1-2021-0001, the WBFP Waiver, and as such those wineries enrolled in the WBFP WDRs are given priority for transition to the General Permit.

Phase 5: Transition wineries permitted under Order No. R1-2021-0001, WBFP Waiver Order. The WBFP Waiver Order expires on February 4, 2026. Wineries enrolled under the WBFP Waiver will be enrolled under the General Permit if they are eligible.

The Implementation Plan is intended to be a guide for implementing the statewide Winery General Permit in the North Coast Region so that all wineries that are eligible for coverage under the General Permit will be permitted no later than 2027, when the renewed

Conditional Waiver for Low Threat Discharges is set to expire.

The Winery General Permit and supporting material are available on the State Water Board Winery Order webpage, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issue_s/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/winery_order.html

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Proposed Adoption of the New Statewide Restoration General Order Jake Shannon

After nearly four years of development by the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality and their partners, the new Statewide Restoration General Order (SRGO) is scheduled to go before the State Water Board during their August board meeting to be considered for adoption. Regional Water Board staff have provided input during the development of the SRGO and believe this marks an important milestone in the State of California's efforts to remove barriers to permitting eligible larger-scale restoration projects. The SRGO will expand the Regional Water Boards' ability to provide 401 Water Quality Certification and CEQA compliance coverage to larger-scale restoration projects.

North Coast Regional Water Board staff has long been on the forefront of supporting ecological restoration through progressive regulatory strategies, coordination and partnership building, providing funding for priority restoration projects, and more. North Coast Regional Water Board staff support the adoption of the SRGO and look forward to utilizing it to increase the pace and scale of restoration actions on the North Coast.

Division of Water Quality staff started early development of the SRGO in August of 2018. Preparation of the SRGO and the supporting CEQA Program Environmental Impact Report involved coordination between State Water Board and Regional Water Board staff, the

Division of Water Rights, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Sustainable Conservation, a nonprofit organization working with federal and state agencies to develop similar general authorizations to accelerate restoration. ESA, a private environmental consultant company, is also working on the effort as a consultant to Sustainable Conservation.

The State Water Board has previously authorized a General Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (Order #SB12006GN). To be eligible for that Order, projects must not exceed 5 acres or a cumulative total of 500 linear feet in total size and must qualify for the CEQA categorical exemption (Class 33) for small habitat restoration projects. Currently, restoration projects that do not qualify for the General Order for the Small Habitat Restoration Projects must obtain an Individual Water Quality Certification and/or WDRs. Once adopted, the SRGO will provide a similar programmatic coverage as the General Order for the Small Habitat Restoration Projects but for larger-scale projects.

North Coast Regional Water Board staff have been working with stakeholders throughout the region to develop a list of eligible projects to enroll under the SRGO. Several watershed-scale restoration programs have even considered the SRGO in their planning and design. An example of such a watershed-scale restoration program is the Elk River Watershed Stewardship Program: Sediment Remediation and Habitat Rehabilitation Recovery Plan, and North Coast Regional Water Board staff anticipate relying on the SRGO to provide 401 Water Quality Certification and CEQA compliance coverage for project's described in that Plan.

For more information about the Statewide Restoration General Order or anything else regarding ecological restoration in the north coast, please contact Jake Shannon at: Jacob.Shannon@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Updating the Nonpoint Source Regulatory Program for Federal Lands in the North Coast Region Devon Jorgenson & Carly Dunleavy

The North Coast Regional Water Board has regulated the discharge of nonpoint source pollutants to surface waters on federal lands through a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements permit (Waiver) since 2004. Regional Water Board staff are currently implementing the third iteration of the Waiver. Since its adoption, many lessons have been learned and environmental conditions have changed. An increasing annual fire regime, new state and federal policies, and other factors affect how the Regional Water Board should regulate federal lands in the North Coast Region. As a result, Regional Water Board staff are currently developing the fourth iteration of the permit, referred to as the Federal Lands Permit.

The Waiver

The current iteration of the Waiver was adopted in 2015. In 2020, the Regional Water Board adopted a short-term renewal of the Waiver¹ to extend its use while Regional Water Board staff develop the Federal Lands Permit. The Waiver applies to certain federal land management activities, such as 1) timber harvest, 2) vegetation and fuels management, 3) road- and trail-related work, 4) livestock grazing, 5) recreation, 6) emergency activities, 7) fire recovery, and 8) restoration. The Waiver and the associated Monitoring and Reporting Program rely on permit conditions, existing federal best management practices, and the standards and guidelines contained in federal agency guidance documents to comply with water quality standards. Key requirements of the Waiver include the treatment of sediment

sources within project areas, retention of natural shade within designated riparian zones, and implementation of best management practices designed to prevent and minimize discharges of pollutants to surface waters.

Waiver Changes Under Consideration for Federal Lands Permit

Regional Water Board staff anticipate significant changes to the Waiver for inclusion in the Federal Lands Permit. The changes under consideration reflect Regional Water Board staff's experience implementing the Waiver and input received to date from Regional Water Board members, federal land management agencies, and other communities of interest in the North Coast Region. The changes are intended in part to adapt the permit to better accommodate fuels management and fire recovery actions on federal lands, reduce threats to communities from catastrophic wildfires, and revise the controllable sediment source treatment approach across federal ownerships. The significant changes considered for inclusion in the Federal Lands Permit include, but are not limited to, the following²:

- Converting from a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements to a Waste Discharge Requirements permit;
- 2. Conducting a new supporting environmental analysis in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- 3. Incorporating a General 401 Water Quality Certification;
- Better integrating and referencing guidance documents from non-USFS federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service;

<u>isions/adopted_orders/pdf/2020/20_0021_Timber_Fed</u> eral_Waiver.pdf.

¹ The 2020 short-term renewal of the Waiver is formally known as the *Short-term renewal of Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Certain Federal Land Management Activities on Federal Lands in the North Coast Region*, Order No. R1-2020-0021. It may be viewed here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board-dec-

² Please note that the Federal Lands Permit is subject to public review and Regional Water Board adoption. As such, the changes described in this document are explicitly conceptual.

- Revising the regulatory approach to livestock grazing;
- Requiring a new controllable sediment source treatment method across each federal ownership over a given time period; and
- 7. Revising monitoring and reporting requirements.

Tentative Timeline for Federal Lands Permit Adoption

Federal Lands Permit outreach and engagement will include, but is not limited to, consultations with California Native American Tribes, scoping meetings, and a public workshop. Below is the tentative schedule for adoption of the Federal Lands Permit:

- August 2022: Begin tribal consultations
- October 2022: 30-day CEQA scoping period and scoping meetings
- March to May 2023: Public workshop and 45-day public review period for draft CEQA document and draft Federal Lands Permit
- August 2023: Regional Water Board hearing to consider adoption of the Federal Lands Permit

For updates on Federal Lands Permit development and engagement opportunities, please subscribe to the "Forest Activities on Federal Lands" email list³ and/or review the Forest Activities on Federal Lands webpage⁴. If you have questions for Regional Water Board staff about this project, please contact Devon Jorgenson at:

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Lady Bird Johnson Grove in Redwood National Park near Orick, CA



Trinity Lake in Shasta Trinity National Forest near Trinity Center, CA

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³ To subscribe to the Forest Activities on Federal Lands email list, navigate

to https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg1_subscribe.html, enter your name and email address under "Signup Details," and select the "Forest Activities on Federal Lands" box, and click "Subscribe."

⁴ Forest Activities on Federal Lands webpage may be accessed using this link:

https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/pr ograms/forest_activities/US_forest_service/#permitting

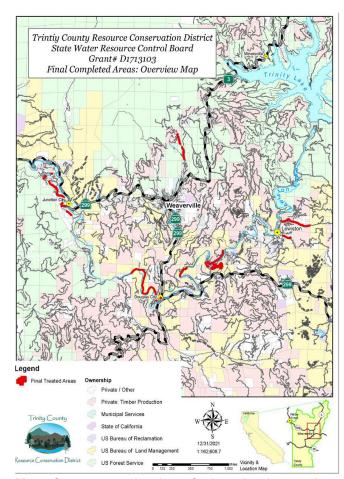
Trinity River Watershed Roadside Fuels Reduction Grant Project Update Michele Fortner

The purpose of the Trinity River Watershed Roadside Fuels Reduction Project (Project) was to implement the Trinity River Sediment TMDL through the targeted application of sediment source reduction projects. The Project was intended to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires through forest thinning near roads. This will decrease the potential for post-fire sediment delivery to streams from rill and sheet erosion that can occur on burned soils in steep forest and landscapes.

In 2017, the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) received a \$250,503 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration fund to create roadside fuel breaks along a 17 miles of Trinity County roadways. From August 22, 2018 through March 31, 2022 the TCRCD implemented fuels reduction prescriptions in the following communities: Junction City (Powerhouse, Valdor, Red Hill, Dutch Creek and Sky Ranch Roads), Lewiston (Deadwood Road and Lewiston Turnpike), Weaverville (East Branch Road), and Douglas City (Steiner Flat, Union Hill, Steel Bridge and various private roads).

Twenty-five landowners were chosen to participate in the Project. Fuel reduction project locations were selected from the Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The criteria for prioritizing sites from locations identified within the plan included the number of linear feet of road frontage through each property, the history of prior fuel reduction work, fire risk, and fire hazard data. Risk factors included vegetation composition and proximity to structures. Once the site selection criteria were applied to each potential treatment location, areas designated

as "high priority" were selected for Project implementation.



Map of county roads where fuels reduction work was conducted under this grant.

GIS maps including documentation of pretreatment conditions were created to identify density of forest stands. Design plans were developed for fuel reduction site treatments, which included thinning, cutting, hand piling, and chipping. In general, site treatments largely focused on removal of brush approximately 50 feet from the edge of the road and reducing existing trees to a spacing that better promotes maximal tree health for those remaining. All cut material was chipped. Whenever feasible chipped material was broadcast on site to further reduce the risk of surface erosion.



Example of pre-treatment conditions.



Example of post-treatment conditions. Photos provided by Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Education and outreach pertaining to the Project was conducted and included creating an informational brochure that discussed the importance of "Fire Safe" communities, including fuel breaks and defensible space. Monthly reporting on Project progress and benefits was provided to partners through the Trinity County Fire Safe Counsel. Pre-and post- implementation photo monitoring of the

fuel reduction site treatments was also shared with the public and partners.

Overall, the Project included 17 miles of roadside treatment totaling 139 acres. Originally this project had a larger implementation goal of 25 miles of roadside treatment for a total area of 150 acres, however due to COVID-19 CAL FIRE crew capacity drastically dropped and concerns of public safety arose disallowing the use of previously planned crews. TCRCD's own crews were successfully able to complete onthe-groundwork but at a higher cost, which reduced the miles of road able to be treated.

Project objectives were successfully met. Fuel reduction treatments in high priority areas support improved forest health, reducing the chance of catastrophic wildfire in those areas and the delivery of sediment to nearby streams. Additionally, the resulting fuel breaks and thinned stands also provide a buffer to better protect nearby communities at risk from wildfire. Finally, this Project work is a starting point for any future fire line required for fire suppression should wildfire occur in these areas in the future.



Enforcement Report for August 2022 Executive Officer's Report

Jeremiah Puget, Jordan Filak, and Zane Stromberg

Summary of Enforcement Actions issued between: May 23, 2022 and July 15, 2022

Throughout the year, Enforcement Unit staff, with support from the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement and other regulatory program staff in the region, develop and manage enforcement cases that result in formal enforcement actions such as Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs), and Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints. Once it has been determined that an enforcement action will result in the issuance of an ACL Complaint, the Enforcement Team will prepare supporting evidence and provide the discharger(s) an opportunity to meet and discuss the facts relating to the violations, including the option of settlement, before a Complaint is issued. The tables on the following pages provide summaries of relevant details for enforcement actions during the timeframe covered by this report. Table 1 summarizes NNCs, NOVs, CAOs, Investigative Orders (13267 Orders), and CDOs. Table 2 summarizes ACL Complaints, ACL Orders and settlement negotiations pending the adoption/ finalization of a Stipulated ACL Order.

Table notes and other acronyms:

Basin Plan Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region

BMPs Best Management Practices

CDFW California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CGO Cannabis General Order⁵
CGP Construction General Permit⁶
CSD Community Services District

CP Compliance Project

DASP Disturbed Area Stabilization Project

ECA Enhanced Compliance Action IGP Industrial General Permit⁷ NEC No Exposure Certification

NOI Notice of Intent

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

MMPs Mandatory Minimum Penalties
MRP Monitoring and Reporting Program
SEP Supplemental Environmental Project

SMP Site Management Plan

SWPPP Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

WDRs Waste Discharge Requirements

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⁵ State Water Resources Control Board Order No. WQ 2019-0001-DWQ General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities

⁶ State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ [as amended by Order No. 2010-0014-DWQ] General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities

⁷ State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ [as amended in 2015 and 2018] General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities

Table 1. Notice of Non-Compliance, Notice of Violation, Cleanup and Abatement Orders, Investigative Orders (13267 Orders), Cease and Desist Orders

Action/ Date Issued	Owner/ Operator Name	County Nearest Town Watershed	Program & Inspection Type/Date	Violation Types	Required/ Recommended Actions	Status as of July 15, 2022
NOV May 19, 2022	Maria Martinez	Mendocino Hopland Upper Russian River	Cannabis Warrant Inspection April 20, 2022	 Failure to obtain regulatory coverage for cannabis cultivation under the CGO Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1 	- Discharger is required to collect and/or contain all cannabis cultivation wastes and properly dispose of them at a licensed waste collection facility - Retain a licensed professional to develop a workplan to schedule and implement corrective actions - Enroll for coverage under the CGO prior to future cannabis cultivation	-Still awaiting response from Discharger
NOV May 25, 2022	Gregory Clisby City Ventures Homebuilding Inc. – Grove Village Project	Sonoma Santa Rosa Middle Russian River	NPDES Unit Drive-By and Consent Inspections on October 23, 24, 25, and 29, 2021	- Failure to Comply with Clean Water Act 401 Water Quality Certification Condition Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, 20, & 21	- Discharger is required to comply with all conditions of the 401 Water Quality Certification and maintain compliance for the duration of the Project - Discharger must provide a written response detailing its intentions, plan, and schedule to comply with 401 Water Quality Certification within 10 days of the issuance of the NOV	-Discharger requested an extension to submit written response by June 30, 2022AEO approved extension requestDischarger submitted written response by deadline; staff reviewing response

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CAO	Jason and Kerry Jones	Sonoma	Cannabis	- Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1	- Commence implementation of the May	- Consultant has drafted a "Letter of
May 25, 2022	Chunxu Fu and Menghan Gao JC Construction Consulting, LLC	Santa Rosa Middle Russian River	Multi-Agency Inspection on February 22, 2018		2021 revised Cleanup Restoration and Monitoring Plan by July 15, 2022 - Complete mitigation and restoration by September 15, 2022 - Submit a Completion Report by November 14, 2022 - Perform and submit semi- annual monitoring reports by January 31 and June 31 of each year until 2027 or otherwise discontinued	Agreement" that allows them full access to the property to perform the work and 5-year biological monitoring - Building permit has been issued by the City of Santa Rosa -Work to begin week of July 15, 2022

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NOV May 26, 2022	Oscar Duckworth Lorri Duckworth	Sonoma Sebastopol Middle Russian River	Northern Non-point Source and 401 Certification Unit Multi-agency inspection on October 22, 2022	- Failure to Comply with Water Code sections 13260, 13264, and 13376 - Failure to Comply with Clean Water Act sections 301, 401, and 404 - Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1	- Dischargers are required to contact Water Board staff to discuss plan to correct violations on the property within 20 days of receipt of the NOV - Submit a Riparian Corridor and Channel Restoration and Management Plan developed by a qualified professional by July 15, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing
NOV June 1, 2022	Rhonda Shiffman Pacific Gas & Electric Company	Mendocino Redwood Valley Upper Russian River		 Failure to Comply with Water Code sections 13260, 13264, and 13376 Failure to Comply with Federal Clean Water Act sections 401 and 404 Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1 	- Dischargers are required to submit a Site Restoration Plan - Complete an application for 401 Water Quality Certification along with an appropriate application fee for review and authorization by July 1, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing

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NOV June 9, 2022	Rhonda Shiffman Pacific Gas & Electric Company	Mendocino Cloverdale Middle Russian River	Non-Point Source and 401 Certification Unit Consent Inspection on April 4, 2022	- Failure to Comply with Water Code sections 13260, 13264, and 13376 - Failure to Comply with Federal Clean Water Act sections 401 and 404 - Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1	- Discharger is required to submit an application for a 401 Water Quality Certification and/or WDRs along with an appropriate application fee for review and authorization by July 15, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing
NOV June 10, 2022	Steven B. Westbrook and Robert L Westbrook Jr. Reservation Ranch	Del Norte Smith River Lower Smith River	NPDES Unit Consent Inspection on September 21, 2016	- Failure to Comply with CAO R1-2021-0023	- Dischargers are required to obtain and submit copies of the appropriate permit(s) for storage and/or disposal of all solid waste material on the property, or remove and dispose of all solid waste at an appropriate off-site solid waste disposal facility by December 12, 2022	- This action is associated with previous enforcement actions that began in 2017. Awaiting response from the Dischargers.

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13267 Order June 14, 2022	Kernen Construction Company	Humboldt McKinleyville Mad River	Multi- Agency inspection on June 24, 2021	- Revised SWPPP - Failure to Comply with Federal Clean Water Act sections 401 and 404	 Discharger required to provide additional information regarding the newly installed stormwater retention area Submit a wetland delineation Submit assessment of historic non-wetland Waters of the State Develop Stormwater Monitoring Plan 	-Deadline to submit Information required pursuant to Section 13267 is September 9, 2022
NOV June 17, 2022	Gus Murad Purple Star Md collective	Mendocino Hopland Upper Russian River	Cannabis Consent Inspection on May 19, 2022	 Failure to Comply with General Requirements within the CGO Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1 	- Discharger is required to submit an acceptable DASP by August 1, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing

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NOV June 17, 2022	Aaron Lieberman, Bryan Wheeless, and Maureen McCready Paradise Valley, LLC Paradise Mountain, LLC Northcoast Investment Group, LLC Northland Management Group, LLC	Humboldt Ettersburg South Fork Eel River and Mattole River	Consent Inspection on May 19, 2022	- Failure to Comply with General requirements within the CGO - Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1 - Failure to Comply with Water Code section 13260 and 13264 - Failure to Comply with Federal Clean Water Act 301, 401, and 404	 Discharger is required to revise both the SMP and DASP for the property in accordance with recommendations in the Inspection Report Discharger is required to apply for and receive a 404 and 401 Water Quality Certification prior to any further in stream work done on the property by July 18, 2022 	- Consultant responded on June 15, 2022 and submitted a revised remediation schedule, photographs of recent cleanup of cultivation-related waste and infrastructure and road drainage work, and a contract for engineering services to develop a grading plan.
NNC June 21, 2022	Reliable Supply Mill Company	Mendocino Ukiah Upper Russian River	NPDES Unit Consent Inspection on May 11, 2022	- Failure to Obtain IGP Coverage	- Discharger is required to submit a certified NOI or NEC to obtain coverage for the facility by August 22, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing

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Action/ Date Issued	Owner/ Operator Name	County Nearest Town Watershed	Program & Inspection Type/Date	Violation Types	Required/ Recommended Actions	Status as of July 15, 2022
NNC June 21, 2022	Bill Daniel Daniel Steel	Mendocino Ukiah Upper Russian River	NPDES Unit Drive-By Inspection on May 11, 2022	- Failure to obtain coverage under the IGP	- Discharger is required to submit a certified NOI or NEC to obtain coverage for the facility by August 22, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing
NNC June 22, 2022	Bill Taylor OTS Welding Inc.	Mendocino Ukiah Upper Russian River	NPDES Unit Consent Inspection on May 11, 2022	- Failure to obtain coverage under the IGP	- Discharger is required to submit a certified NOI or NEC to obtain coverage for the facility by August 23, 2022	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing
NOV June 27, 2022	Dan O'Rourke O'Rourke Electric Inc.	Sonoma Santa Rosa Middle Russian River	Southern Non-Point Source and 401 Certification Unit Dredge and Fill Application Received	- Failure to comply with California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264 through the filling of a seasonal wetland without authorization	- Enroll for coverage under Order 2004-0004-DWQ and receive authorization for any dredge and fill activities	- Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General WDR. - Authorization for any dredge and fill activities expires on June 22, 2027

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			April 19, 2022			
NNC June 28, 2022	SW Maintenance Corp. Concrete Division	Siskiyou Yreka Shasta River Valley	NPDES Unit Directed to obtain IGP coverage on April 26, 2022	- Failure to obtain coverage under the IGP	- Discharger is required to submit a certified NOI or NEC to obtain coverage for the facility by August 29, 2022	- Discharger obtained IGP coverage after the issuance of a second NNC

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<u>CAO</u> June 28, 2022	Sanel Ljesnjanin and Uchenna Ukazim Hearst Willits Properties, LLC	Mendocino Willits Eel River	Cleanups Multi-Agency Inspection on January 19, 2018	- Failure to submit technical reports and complete cleanup requirements following a discharge of diesel fuel from a 1000-gallon aboveground storage tank	 Discharger is required to properly dispose of the existing soil stockpiles onsite By June 30, 2023, collect four rounds of water samples from the installed monitoring wells and additional samples both upstream and locations where sheen was visible Following the monitoring period, submit a No Further Action request 	- No progress - Petition submitted by responsible party to add trucking company as additional responsible party. RB1 denied. Likely appealing to State Board
NOV June 30, 2022	Tyler Nelson Nelson Family Vineyards	Mendocino Ukiah Russian River	Southern Non-Point Source and 401 Certification Unit Consent Inspection on April 26, 2022	- Failure to comply with California Water Code sections 13260, 13264 and 13376 - Failure to comply with Clean Water Act sections 301, 401, and 404 - Failure to comply with Basin Plan Section 4.2.1.	 Discharger is required to contact 401 staff by July 20, 2022, to discuss corrective actions Submit a Debris Removal and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan by July 29, 2022 Complete the debris removal and erosion and 	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing

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NOV/ NOA June 30, 2022	Trevor Goff Caltrans	Mendocino Willits Eel River	Southern Non-Point Source and 401 Certification Unit NOI under General WDR received April 28, 2022	- Failure to comply with California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264 following the unauthorized repairs of an embankment failure on Route 101.	sediment control plan prior to the first fall rains. - Coordinate final inspection with 401 staff by October 15, 2022 - Discharger to submit a Notice of Termination within 45 days of project completion - Discharger is subject to annual fees under Category E, Low Impact Discharges	- Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General WDR. - Authorization for any dredge and fill activities expires on June 30, 2027
NOV July 5, 2022	Robert Figas DG Fairhaven, LLC	Humboldt Samoa Mad River	NPDES Unit Electronic Report Submittal NOV	- Failure to comply with Water Code Section 13385 following the late submittal of eight quarterly self-monitoring reports	- Discharger is required to submit a written response describing their intentions, plan, and schedule to correct the alleged violations	- Regional Water Board staff has provided the discharger with training on reporting requirements

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NOV July 12, 2022	David Glover	Humboldt Garberville South Fork Eel River	Cannabis Warrant Inspection June 6, 2022	 Failure to obtain regulatory coverage for cannabis cultivation under the CGO Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1 	- Discharger to develop plan to address sediment from roads, fuel spills and handling, and properly disposal spent growth media - Work with CDFW and Division of Water Rights on surface water diversion -Enroll for coverage under the CGO prior to future cannabis cultivation	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing
NOV July 12, 2022	John Schwarz	Humboldt Garberville South Fork Eel River	Cannabis Warrant Inspection June 6, 2022	 Failure to obtain regulatory coverage for cannabis cultivation under the CGO Failure to Comply with Basin Plan section 4.2.1 	- Discharger to develop plan to address sediment discharges from property, fuel spills and handling, and properly disposal spent growth media -Provide geologic evaluation of unstable areas in Fish Creek and the influence of upslope runoff from the Property - Work with CDFW and Division of Water Rights on surface water diversion -Enroll for coverage under the CGO prior to future cannabis cultivation	- Awaiting response from Discharger. This matter is ongoing

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					-Instream work to ensure that stream crossings are adequately located, designed, and installed, will require pre-authorization via a water quality certification.	

Table 2. Administrative Civil Liabilities and Settlement Discussions (Invited, Underway, or Completed)

Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of July 15, 2022
Crescent City - Wastewater Treatment Facility	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$48,000	Invitation issued on 11/16/2021 Violation Period: September 22, 2015 to April 15, 2022	Stipulated Order No. R1- 2022-0021 Posted for public comment from July 5, 2022, to August 5, 2022
City of Eureka – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$150,000	Invitation issued on 11/16/2021 Violation Period: July 3, 2017 to May 1, 2022	Settlement Negotiations Underway
City of Ferndale – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$18,000	Invitation issued on 11/16/2021 Violation Period: April 13, 2017 to May 1, 2022	Settlement Negotiations Underway
City of Loleta – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$189,000	Invitation issued on 11/16/2021 Violation Period: March 15, 2018 to December 31, 2021	Settlement Negotiations Underway
City of Rio dell – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$21,000	Invitation issued on 11/17/2021 Violation Period: May 1, 2016 to December 31, 2021	Settlement Negotiations Underway
City of Ukiah – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$75,000	Invitation issued on 11/16/2021 Violation Period: January 4, 2017 to December 31, 2021	Settlement Negotiations Underway
City of Arcata – Wastewater Treatment Facility	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$207,000	Invitation issued on 09/20/2021 Violation Period:	Settlement Negotiations Underway

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				March 1, 2019 to April 19, 2022	
California Redwood Company – Korbel Sawmill	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$57,000	Invitation issued on 10/04/2021 Violation Period: June 1, 2019 to April 14, 2022	Settlement Negotiations Underway
Town of Scotia CSD - Wastewater Treatment Facility	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$93,000	Modified Expedited Payment Letter w/ CP Option issued August 18, 2021 Violation Period: December 5, 2017 to March 30, 2021	Settlement Negotiations Underway
Humboldt Sawmill Company – (Eel River Power)	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$39,000	Modified Expedited Payment Letter w/ SEP Option issued August 18, 2021 Violation Period: July 12, 2017 to March 30, 2021	Settlement Negotiations Underway
Humboldt State University – Telonicher Marine Laboratory	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Late Reporting Violations subject to MMPs	\$3,000	Revised Expedited Payment Letter issued on May 11, 2022	Order R1-2022-0007 adopted on July 12, 2022
Hugh Reimers and Krasilsa Pacific Farms LLC	Non-Point Source Program Complaint Response	-Basin Plan Section 4.2.1 -Water Code Section 13376 for Dredge/ Fill in Wetlands designated as waters of the United States	\$3,750,852	ACL Complaint issued on May 9, 2022 covers the period between July 31, 2018 and May 9, 2022, and includes allegations that Hugh Reimers and Krasilsa	Regional Water Board Assistant Executive Officer issued ACL Complaint No. R1-2022- 0024. The Discharger has formally waived the

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		-CAO Required Action 5 for failure to submit RMMP acceptable to the Regional Water Board or it's Delegated Officer -CAO Required Action 9 for failure to implement an approved RMMP		Pacific Farms LLC violated the Basin Plan and Clean Water Act Section 301 by filling or allowing fill to be placed in watercourses and wetlands on the property	right to a hearing and settlement discussions are ongoing.
Russian River CSD and Sonoma Water Agency	NPDES Wastewater	Violations of the Sanitary Sewer Order including unauthorized discharge of 2.33 million gallons of raw sewage from the Russian River CSD collection system to the Russian River	Statutory Maximum \$23.31 million	Invitation issued on June 15, 2021 Violation Period: 2017 and 2019	Settlement Negotiations Underway
Enclave, LLC- Marlow Commons Development Site	NPDES Storm Water	Violation of CGP requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum BMPs resulting in the release of sediment from the site to a municipal storm drain discharging to Piner Creek, a tributary to the Russian River	\$46,200	Invitation issued on August 2, 2021 Violation Period: December 2019	Settlement Negotiations Underway

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BoDean Company, Inc Mark West Quarry Site	NPDES Storm Water	Violation of Industrial General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum and advanced BMPs resulting in the discharge of 10.5 million gallons of sediment laden stormwater to Porter Creek, a tributary to the Russian River	\$4.5 million	ACLC Order No. R1-2021- 0047 issued on September 10, 2021 Violation Period: December 2018 – August 2020	Settlement Negotiations Underway
Rodney Strong Vineyards	WDRs to Land and NPDES Storm Water	97,000 gallons of wine discharged into Reiman Creek, a tributary to the Russian River, a water of the United States, in violation of discharge prohibitions in the Industrial General Permit and WDRs Order No. 88-54	\$46,000	Invitation issued on September 14, 2021 Violation Period: January 2020	Tentative Settlement Agreement Reached. SEP in development and awaiting approval
City Ventures Homebuilding, LLC- Fox Hollow Development Site	NPDES Storm Water	Violation of CGP requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum BMPs resulting in the unauthorized discharge of sediment laden stormwater to Peterson Creek, a tributary to Russian River	Statutory maximum penalty \$2.83 million	Invitation issued on October 27, 2021 Violation Period: 2016 and 2017	Settlement Negotiations Underway

Projected List of Future Regional Water Board Agenda Items

The following is a list of Regional Water Board agenda items that staff are planning for the next three Board meetings. **This list of agenda items is intended for general planning purposes and is subject to change.** Questions regarding the listed agenda items should be addressed to the identified staff person.

August 30, 2022 - Eureka, CA

• Elk River TMDL 5-Year Review (Lisa Bernard & Alydda Mangelsdorf; invited presenters) [I]

October 6 & 7, 2022

- Groundwater Protection Strategy Policy Statement (Chris Watt) [A]
- Healdsburg WWTP NPDES Permit (Matt Herman) [A]
- Update on Enforcement Priorities (Kason Grady) [I]
- Grants Program & Regional Restoration and Remediation Projects Catalogue Update (Carrieann Lopez) [I]
- Update on Environmental Flows Framework (Bryan McFadin) [I]
- North Coast Regional Water Board Resolution Supporting Racial & Tribal Equity (Devon Jorgenson) [I]

December 8 & 9, 2022

- Potential Pending Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Staff TBD) [A]
- Categorical Low Threat Waiver Renewal (Rachel Prat) [A]
- Willow Creek CSD WWTP WDR's (Roy O'Connor) [A]

