

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING SPOUL CREEK WATERSHED INSPECTIONS**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Boards), will hold a public informational meeting on the Sproul Creek Watershed Inspections that occurred on January 21-23, 2015.

**When:** Monday, July 20, 2015, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm  
**Where:** Redwood Playhouse  
College of the Redwoods Garberville Campus  
286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville, CA

### **Meeting Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for agency personnel, Sproul Creek landowners, and the public to discuss the watershed inspections in Sproul Creek, the current condition in that watershed, and the path forward. Agency personnel will be available to address questions about the effort, listen to public comments and gather input on efforts to address environmental impacts in the watershed from cannabis cultivation.

### **Background:**

As part of a statewide pilot cannabis regulation and enforcement initiative, the Water Boards and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are identifying sub-watersheds with critical water resources and inspecting private parcels with cannabis cultivation throughout the watersheds to evaluate site conditions, water use and storage features, and potential threats to water quality. They identified Sproul Creek watershed as a high priority for watershed-wide inspections because it supports relatively stable populations of three federally endangered salmonid species and it went dry last summer for the first time on record.

### **Meeting Agenda**

The structure of the meeting will be as follows:

- 5:30-6:40
  - General introduction of the panel and agenda
  - Presentations by panelists:
    - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
    - North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
    - State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights
  - Introduction of local governmental and non-profit organizations with interest in the watershed
- 6:40-7:30
  - Questions, Comments, and Input from Public
  - Closing Remarks

For questions or comments about the public meeting, please contact Adona White at 707-576-2672 or [Adona.White@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Adona.White@waterboards.ca.gov) or Yvonne West at 916-322-3626 or [Yvonne.West@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Yvonne.West@waterboards.ca.gov).