
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 5, 2016

Mr. Bill Weaver
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Dear Mr. Weaver:

Subject: Approval of Pacific Watershed Associates (PWA) as a Third Party Program

File: Cannabis Waste Discharge Regulatory Program, Order No. R1-2015-0023

Thank you for submitting your February 2, 2016, proposal via email (Proposal), to become an approved third party program pursuant to Order No. R1-2015-0023 (Order). To serve individual dischargers as an approved third party under the Order, a prospective third party's proposal must include certain elements listed under Order section II.B to demonstrate proper technical experience and qualifications, organizational capacity and funding mechanisms, framework for compliance confirmation, and annual compliance reporting.

Staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) have reviewed the Proposal and concluded that it fulfills the requirements of Order Section II.B, and contains the substantive and procedural mechanisms for PWA to serve as a third party program to fulfill all of the functions listed in Finding 21 of the Order within the geographic boundaries of the North Coast Region.

Section II.C of the Order provides: If a third party proposal is approved, the Executive Officer will send an approval letter that will identify the third party's geographic boundaries and/or applicable responsibilities for coverage of selected Tier(s). Accordingly, pursuant to Section II.C of Order No. R1-2015-0023, I hereby approve PWA's proposal to be a third party program, with coverage throughout the North Coast Region, to assist Tier 1 and Tier 2 dischargers to comply with the Order. Your program may also assist Tier 3 sites

with development of cleanup and restoration plans and implementation of those plans upon approval by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

This approval is conditional and subject to a probationary period, and may be revoked at any time for failure to effectively implement the Order as described in the approved Proposal. Staff may conduct inspections of enrolled sites as one way to verify the third party program is effectively implementing the Order. The Regional Water Board will add your name (and contact info) to the list of approved third parties to its website here: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/cannabis/.

Your participation as an approved third party program increases the program effectiveness and administrative efficiency of the Order. Regional Water Board staff look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, you may contact the following staff:

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Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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