

# Requirement to Transition or Terminate Coverage for Cannabis Cultivators in the North Coast Region

This informational notice applies to all cannabis cultivators who are currently enrolled under the North Coast Regional Cannabis Order (No. R1-2015-0023). It does not apply to cultivators who are currently enrolled under the Statewide Cannabis Order (WQ 2017-0023-DWQ)

**This is a reminder that by **July 1, 2019**, all enrollees under the Regional Cannabis Order must either apply to transition their permit coverage to the Statewide Cannabis Order or request termination of coverage under the Regional Cannabis Order.**

If you choose to transition, you must apply to do so online via the Water Boards Cannabis Cultivation Programs Portal at: <https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/cgo>. This action does not require that you separately request termination of coverage under the Regional Cannabis Order, as this will occur automatically upon approval of your transition application. Applications will only be approved if/when all outstanding invoices for annual fees have been paid. In order to be recognized in the application portal as a transitioning enrollee, you will need to provide your existing WDID number, which can be found on your Notice of Applicability (NOA), any recent invoice, or other written correspondence you may have received from the Regional Water Board.

If you choose not to transition and instead wish to terminate your coverage under the Regional Cannabis Order, you must cease all cannabis cultivation and related activities, pay all outstanding invoices, and submit a Request for Termination form, which can be found at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/cannabis/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/cannabis/).

Following your submittal of a properly completed Request for Termination form, no new invoices will be issued for your enrolled site, until and unless your request is ultimately denied. Requests for termination of coverage will only be approved following a review and/or site inspection by Water Boards staff (or other qualified professional) to verify compliance with the standard conditions and plan requirements outlined in the Regional Cannabis Order.

**Termination of coverage under the Regional Cannabis Order is neither passive nor automatic. Enrollees who fail to initiate the process of either transitioning or terminating their permit coverage by **July 1, 2019** (and enrollees whose requests for termination are ultimately denied) may be subject to progressive enforcement actions by the Water Boards and may continue to receive invoices for annual fees until outstanding compliance issues are resolved.**

If you have questions regarding transitioning your enrollment to the Statewide Cannabis Order or terminating your existing coverage under the Regional Cannabis Order, please contact our Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Program staff by phone at: (707) 576-2676 or by email at [northcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:northcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov). While we will make every effort to promptly respond to all inquiries received, some longer-than-usual response times may be unavoidable. We thank you in advance for your patience.