

# MOVING DIRT?

**Notice:** Cannabis Cultivation Enforcement Initiative  
Anyone performing work that affects or degrades a stream or watercourse due to construction activities is subject to penalties by the State Water Board. You also must be a state-licensed C-12 Earthwork and Paving contractor to move earthen material or risk fines from the Contractors State License Board.

## CONSEQUENCES

### CONTRACTING WITH A LICENSE

If performing work that affects streams and water crossings, you may face fines by the State Water Board in excess of \$10,000 per day.

### CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE

If performing work without a license, you may be liable to additional state fines and penalties for unlicensed contracting in California:

#### FIRST OFFENSE

- Misdemeanor charges,
- Up to six months in jail,
- \$5,000 judicial fine,
- \$200 to \$15,000 administrative fine

#### SECOND OFFENSE

- Mandatory 90-day jail sentence,
  - 20 percent of contract price or \$5,000
- Illegal use of another contractor's license could result in felony charges and a state prison sentence, if convicted.

## EARTHWORK AND PAVING CONTRACTORS

An earthwork and paving contractor digs, moves, and places soil (dirt) or other earthen material. Anyone who contracts to perform work on a project valued at \$500 or more for labor and materials must hold a valid license from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). Information on obtaining a license is available at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).

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