



Media Release

Water Boards Schedule Informational Meeting on Sproul Creek Cannabis Inspections

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The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, will hold an informational public meeting on July 20 to discuss findings from inspections of cannabis cultivation sites on the Sproul Creek watershed.

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.

The inspections, which took place Jan. 21 through 23, were 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.

The Water Boards and the Department of Fish and Wildlife identified Sproul Creek watershed as a high priority for 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.

The July 20 meeting will include a panel with representatives from the Regional Water Board, the State Water Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, with a comment and question session afterward. It will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Redwood Playhouse, College of the Redwoods Garberville Campus, 286 Sproul Creek Road, Garberville.

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

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