Shasta County property owner fined $25,000 for water quality violations at cannabis grow site

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SACRAMENTO – A Shasta County property owner accused of missing mandatory clean-up action deadlines at his former cannabis grow site has reached a $25,000 settlement with the Central Valley Water Board.

The property owner, Kyle Terborg, missed several critical deadlines to complete cleanup actions after board inspectors found evidence of water quality impacts related to the development and operation of the property for cannabis cultivation.

One major problem was an access road. During heavy rain, the dirt road was the source of stormwater runoff and was discharging sediment to nearby watercourses.

It was only after he was notified of the proposed fine, that Terborg followed board staff recommendations and completed the required cleanup actions.

“Board staff has gone to great lengths to work with Mr. Terborg. This settlement reflects those efforts and Mr. Terborg’s willingness to engage with staff and complete required cleanup actions,” said Clint Snyder, assistant executive officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board’s Redding office. The investigation and enforcement actions are the result of a multiagency effort formed to address the adverse environmental impacts caused by cannabis cultivation.

For complete details on the settlement, visit the Central Valley Water Board’s adopted orders webpage.

The Central Valley Water Board is a California state agency responsible for the preservation and enhancement of the quality of California’s water resources.

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