

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board February 6, 2020

Executive Officer's 2019 Water
Quality Stewardship Award Goes to
1) Dr. Deanne Meyer, Faculty,
University California-Davis
Department of Animal Science;
2) Trout Unlimited North Coast
Coho Project, Christopher
Blencowe of Blencowe Watershed
Resource Management, and Ken
Smith of Pacific Inland Inc. and 3)
Patrick Higgins of Eel River
Recovery Project Matt St. John,
Cherie Blatt, Jonathan Warmerdam,
and Bryan McFadin

The Executive Officer's Water Quality Stewardship Award is an annual award given to an individual or group whose exceptional work contributes to the preservation and enhancement of surface water and groundwater quality in the North Coast Region. The Regional Water Quality Control Board and its staff spend much of its time and energy focused on the task of controlling waste discharges to the region's waters. This award is designed to acknowledge and honor our partners in water quality protection who augment the Regional Water Board's work with their own efforts in pollution prevention, waste minimization, water quality enhancement, and beneficial use restoration.

This year we simply could not limit the award recipient to just one individual.

1) Dr. Deanne Meyer, a dairy science expert from the University of California, Davis, Department of Animal Science, is well-known in the agricultural and environmental community throughout California. As a researcher and accomplished author of technical papers, her job includes being the **Extension Specialist for Livestock Waste** Management, a Department of Animal Science Lecturer, and Master Advisor for Agricultural and Environmental majors. She is also the Environmental Stewardship Module Coordinator for the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP), part of the California Dairy Research Foundation. These qualifications and experience have proved exceptionally useful as Dr. Meyer has provided technical advice and comments in developing the North Coast Regional Water Board's dairy program.

One of her many tasks for CDQAP includes providing technical expertise at workshops to help dairy operators comply with the requirements of the Regional Water Board's dairy permit; attendance at these workshops is impressive, a testament to the respect she has among the dairy community. Dr. Meyer also served on the Technical Advisory Committee for the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Alternative Manure Management Program. In this capacity she reviewed dairy grant applications for projects that improve air and water quality. Dr. Meyer is currently working with Regional Water Board staff on a contract to test manure and

soil on 30 North Coast pasture-based dairies to assist dairy operators in developing a nutrient budget for Nutrient Management Plans.

Dr. Meyer, a native of the Santa Rosa area, clocks many extra hours, well above the call of duty. Her no-nonsense approach accomplishes volumes of work at a fast pace, and she is truly effective in all her capacities as a researcher, technical advisor, and educator.

2) During the last two decades, the reintroduction of large woody material into streams has gone through a bit of a renaissance in the coastal watersheds of Northern California as a new technique known as the "accelerated wood recruitment method" (AWR) has proven to be a rapid and cost-effective restoration technique. Christopher Blencowe, a registered professional forester with Blencowe Watershed Resource Management, and **Ken Smith**, a licensed timber operator with Pacific Inland Incorporated, are largely responsible for refining the technique and teaching others the method in order to increase its application in the coastal redwood region. The successful implementation of an AWR project requires consideration of a range of complex interdependent variables, including but not limited to site selection, tree location, waterbody characteristics, canopy cover, and safety considerations.

The method involves selecting and directionally felling whole trees into the stream channel to create large woody material structures or utilizing traditional logging heavy equipment to strategically place key pieces of wood. To date the AWR method has been used to improve salmon and trout habitat in over approximately 200 miles of stream, much of that attributed to effective planning, permitting, and funding acquisition by the **Trout Unlimited's North Coast Coho Project** (NCCP) team, led by

NCCP Director **Anna Halligan**, and North Coast Project Manager Elizabeth Mackey. Since its inception in 1998, the NCCP has been implementing projects that have been successfully protecting, restoring, and enhancing streams between the Russian and Klamath Rivers. The mission of the NCCP is to restore native steelhead and salmon populations along California's North Coast to self-sustaining levels through cooperative partnerships with private landowners, local, state, and federal agencies, and community watershed groups. To date, the NCCP has collectively removed 12 major fish migration barriers, providing access to 70.6 miles of salmonid habitat: treated 120 miles of instream habitat with large wood; and improved or eliminated over 862 miles of forest roads, preventing 534,000 cubic yards of sediment from impacting water quality and instream habitat. In 2018, a large wood restoration technical field school was conducted along the Mendocino Coast, bringing together more than sixty attendees to learn about the AWR methodology. A field component of the field school included site visits to several completed large wood restoration project sites and heavy equipment operation demonstration by Christopher Blencowe and Ken Smith. A second field school will be held in 2020 or 2021.

The NCCP, Blencowe Watershed Resource Management and Pacific Inland Inc., have been implementing important recovery actions in the North Coast Region for many years. Together with North Coast Water Board staff, their work has been successfully implementing the objectives of the North Coast Water Board's Policy in Support of Restoration, R1-2015-0001. Our long-term relationship with these partners exemplifies our vision statement in action: *Healthy Watersheds, Effective Regulation, Strong Partnerships*.

3) Over several decades, **Patrick Higgins** has worn many hats: business owner, activist, stereo salesman, and most of all,

fisheries biologist. Since 2012, Mr. Higgins has established the Eel River Recovery Project (ERRP) and given up his activist title for a new one: community organizer. However, he is still a fisheries biologist, first and foremost. The ERRP has grown to be a broad-based communityfocused watershed restoration organization with members in all of the sub-basins of the Eel River watershed. The ERRP's mission is "to empower communities to collaborate in monitoring the ecological conditions of the Eel River", and to "share information about the health of the watershed and to work together to formulate and implement a restoration strategy."

Patrick and the dedicated cadre of ERRP members have focused on efforts that best help the fisheries and watersheds of the Eel River. Those efforts include:

- Education of landowners and cultivators on best practices to reduce water use and pollutant discharge;
- Citizen science and monitoring related to water temperatures, cyanobacteria, and annual Chinook salmon population estimates;
- Discussions on forest health and how current forest conditions affect fire, flows, and sedimentation;
- Promoting wilderness access and appreciation;
- Suppressing invasive pikeminnow;
- Cleaning up industrial marijuana grow garbage;
- Organizing the Salmon Awareness Festival in Round Valley;
- Pursuit of a salmon parkway along the Eel River in Fortuna;
- Entering classrooms to teach elementary school youth about salmonids; and
- Organizing the rural communities facilitating restoration projects in the Tenmile Creek and Middle Main Eel watersheds.

You can catch up with all of the good work that Patrick and the ERRP has accomplished by visiting their website at:
www.eelriverrecovery.org.

Presentation of the Water Quality
Stewardship Award is a token expression of
the North Coast Regional Water Board's
appreciation for outstanding work. It is with
pleasure that the we present the 2019 award
to Dr. Deanne Meyer; Trout Unlimited North
Coast Coho Project, Christopher Blencowe
and Ken Smith; and Patrick Higgins. Thank
you all for your amazing work in preserving
and protecting the waters of the North Coast.



Regional Water Board Watershed Stewardship Approach

Clayton Creager & Alydda Mangelsdorf

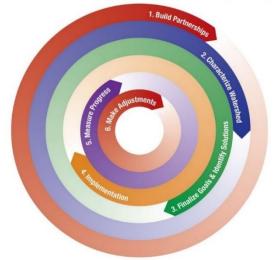
Beginning in 2012, the Regional Water Board began a process of leadership training for staff that evolved into a visioning process and concluded in 2015 with a reorganization of the units and divisions within the organization. During this process staff identified five strategic areas critical to achieving our water quality mission that were underserved through the existing organizational structure and which would benefit from improved program coordination. The strategic areas identified by staff included groundwater, enforcement, ecological restoration, flow, and watershed stewardship. To address these critical issues the Regional Water Board added staff specialists for each of the strategic areas and took steps to increase program coordination on these topics.

The Watershed Stewardship initiative was incorporated into the Non-Point Source Five-Year Plan and is being formally applied in the following watersheds: Klamath, Lost, Shasta, Scott, Smith, Elk, and Laguna de Santa

Rosa. The Watershed Stewardship approach also informs the agency's work in other watersheds, such as the Russian and Garcia rivers. Planning, permitting, and enforcement staff working on complex water quality issues, regularly engage with other partners to build more robust watershed-platforms to support broader environmental problem solving.

The Watershed Stewardship Approach has enhanced Regional Water Board focus on forming partnerships with other agencies, organizations and Tribes to implement comprehensive and collaborative water quality improvement measures that support desired environmental outcomes. The initiative is based on defined watershed management areas and a cycle of steps intended to promote collaboration among participants. The steps associated with the watershed stewardship approach management cycle are illustrated below:





North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Stewardship Approach

Many watersheds do not provide supporting water quality conditions for desired beneficial uses, often resulting in their listing under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act as impaired. Many watershed impairments are

either the direct or indirect result of long-term legacy impacts from land disturbance activities. These legacy impacts can be complex and sometimes present as a fundamental shift in ecosystem function. Relevant to waste discharge control, these legacy impacts can reduce the assimilative capacity of affected waterbodies, which makes recovery from pollutant discharge controls and attainment of water quality standards more difficult. The permitting of point source and nonpoint source waste discharges requires that the given waterbody have assimilative capacity available for the pollutants in question. Many watershed assessments find that restoring ecosystem function and assimilative capacity requires addressing the physical impacts of legacy activities on watershed structure and processes. But ecological restoration can be expensive and often requires the coordination and planning of many participants, especially if implemented at the watershed-scale. The Watershed Stewardship Approach provides a framework for partnership building, planning, implementation, monitoring, and coordination around permitting and funding resources necessary for successful ecological restoration

Example milestones from some of the stewardship efforts identified above include:

- The Elk River Stewardship Program is establishing partnerships with 60+ public and private landowners whose properties are key to successful ecological restoration. The stewardship team is implementing two pilot restoration projects and has identified large-scale ecological restoration projects. Several design and permitting issues require additional attention.
- The Russian River has concluded Phase I in the development of the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP). The Regional Water Board is directing a portion of its discretionary contract funding for Phase II which includes the

development of an interagency Technical Advisory Committee and a coordinated monitoring plan.

- The Klamath stewardship initiative has resulted in construction of diffuse source treatment wetlands above Upper Klamath Lake and the establishment of a basinwide coordinated monitoring program.
- Development of the Smith River Plain Water Quality Management Plan has led to broad implementation of various BMPs such as filter strips and riparian buffers.
- For the Lost River a watershed stewardship operating agreement is being negotiated between federal agencies, Tribes, irrigation districts, among others, that will lead to improved water conservation and water quality improvement efforts.
- Within the Laguna de Santa Rosa, stewardship efforts have resulted in several restoration projects that contribute to an alternate TMDL implementation program that Regional Water Board staff will be proposing. A master restoration vision and plan for the Laguna, which will also inform TMDL implementation, is currently under development with input from the Regional Board and key stakeholders.
- Stewardship efforts led to the completion of a Watershed Stewardship report for the Shasta River that documents partnerships, implementation projects, and water quality monitoring data that contribute to achieving TMDL objectives.
- In both the Scott and Shasta watersheds stewardship partnerships have enhanced implementation of the Scott and Shasta TMDL Waivers. At the same time, stewardship is helping to build support for voluntary restoration projects such as additional beaver dam analogs on Scott River tributaries.

In this manner the watershed stewardship approach is helping to fulfill the Regional Water Board's vision:

Healthy Watersheds; Effective Regulation; Strong Partnerships



Lower Russian River Wastewater Citizens Advisory Group

Charles Reed

In August 2019, the Regional Water Board amended the Basin Plan to include an Action Plan for the Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL. The Action Plan prescribes implementation measures to be taken to control fecal waste pollution, achieve wasteload and load allocations, attain bacterial objectives and protect public health in the Russian River Watershed. The Action Plan includes an Advanced Protection Management Program (APMP) that establishes minimum requirements for new and replacement onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) and corrective action criteria under which existing OWTS must be replaced, repaired or modified to ensure their proper function and protection of water quality and public health. The APMP also outlines an assessment program to determine the number of OWTS that by their design or operation are a high threat to contribute pathogens and other pollutants to the Russian River or its tributaries and therefore will require corrective action.

Many homes and businesses in the lower Russian River Watershed rely on OWTS for treatment and disposal of septic waste. Many of these systems predate current standards and, therefore, have the increased potential to discharge pathogens to surface waters and groundwater. In addition, because these OWTS are located in areas with steep slopes, small lot-size, and inadequate separation between the OWTS and surface water or groundwater, repairs and upgrades to individual OWTS may be costly or infeasible. In areas within the APMP where there are significant numbers of existing OWTS that do not meet the minimum standards defined in the Action Plan, and where repairs or replacement of individual OWTS to meet minimum standards are infeasible or cost prohibitive, the development of a community-based process to explore community wastewater solutions is being considered as a pathway for compliance for these OWTS owners.

In 2018, the Lower Russian River Wastewater Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was formed to provide local input on a planning process that would explore wastewater solutions in portions of the communities of Monte Rio and Villa Grande, which are small, disadvantaged communities within the APMP area. Consisting of nine volunteer members from Monte Rio. Villa Grande and others from neighboring communities facing similar wastewater disposal challenges, the initial focus of the CAG has been to assist the County of Sonoma with its application for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) planning funds to assess feasible options to comply with the Action Plan. As small, disadvantaged communities, these communities are eligible for grants and low interest loans of up to \$1 Million for project planning and up to \$16 Million for construction of the preferred project(s). The CWSRF application is complete and an agreement with the State Board's Division of Financial Assistance securing funding for project planning is expected early this year.

The CAG continues to meet monthly at the Monte Rio Community Center and is currently assisting Sonoma County and Regional Water Board staff in preparing community outreach materials such as a plain language

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to answer common questions from affected OWTS owners and a project flow chart that illustrates the project's overall time and major milestones. The CAG is also providing meaningful input on the timing and content of three future community meetings to inform the public on the objectives and progress of the planning project.

More information about the CAG can be found online at http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Lower-Russian-River-Watershed-Citizens-Advisory-Group-(CAG). The website also hosts agendas and

approved minutes of the CAG meetings.

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Streamlining Permitting of Culvert Replacement Projects Required by the State Water Board Cannabis Cultivation General Order

Mona Dougherty

Cannabis cultivation sites as well as other rural land uses in the North Coast Region. often have existing culverted stream crossings, previously constructed to accommodate development of roads to access rural properties. Small unpaved dirt roads are a substantial source of sediment delivery to waterbodies that, in the North Coast, are generally impaired with excess fine sediment and may provide habitat for the multiple life stages of endangered species. The Cannabis Cultivation General Order (Order No. WQ 2019-0001-DWQ) and Policy contains many requirements important for the protection of water quality, among the most important are related to the proper maintenance and function of culverted stream crossings.

The Cannabis Cultivation General Order requires that stream crossings are:

- well maintained and constructed to accommodate the 100-year flood flow and associated sediment and debris to avoid obstruction or damage of the crossings;
- designed to allow for the migration and unrestricted passage of aquatic life during all life stages which are supported or potentially supported by that stream reach; and
- designed with measures to ensure that water depth and velocity within stream crossings do not inhibit migration.

Some of the specific design requirements for culverted stream crossings to reduce erosion and sediment delivery and allow adequate migration include:

- Appropriate alignment of the crossings with the watercourse with flows directed toward the culvert inlets;
- Sufficient diameters to convey 100year flows;
- Sufficient lengths of the crossings to extend beyond fill material; and
- Embeddedness of the crossings to the same gradient as the streambed.

Enrollment of thousands of cannabis cultivation sites into the Cannabis Cultivation General Order has resulted in many culvert replacement projects being planned for construction. These projects often require a Water Quality Certification, Clean Water Act section 401 permit and waste discharge requirements or waivers thereof to conduct the instream work. The Order includes a General Water Quality Certification (Certification) that Regional Water Board staff can use to permit instream projects related to cannabis cultivation.

As Regional Water Board staff has worked to issue Certifications for these projects, and in consultation with the State Water Board and our legal counsel, we realized that streamlining of the application process would benefit enrollees and our staff. The enrollees need quick and efficient Water Quality Certification issuance to enable them to

complete culvert replacement projects during the dry season and bring their sites into compliance with the Order. Regional Water Board staff needs submission of organized project information to facilitate expedited review of projects and ensure they comply with Water Quality Standards. Additionally, as the Regional Water Board cannabis cultivation program is understaffed and subject to a partial hiring freeze, we need to provide guidance on how to review these projects and issue coverage under the Certification with as few staff resources as possible. To accomplish these goals, staff has developed a new application that requires enrollees to submit the minimum information needed for staff to issue coverage under the Certification.

In-kind culvert replacement involves replacement of a substandard culvert with a properly designed one in the same location. As in-kind culvert replacement projects done in the dry season pose lower risks to water quality and, when completed, will provide significant benefit to water quality, the Certification application requires less information be submitted than for more complex projects such as new development, removal of an instream pond, stream and wetland restoration, or installation of a new point of diversion for surface water. To make the application process easier, this new application includes guidance to applicants that they may reference other documents included in the application when answering application questions, rather than providing duplicate information contained in other required documents (e.g. County permits, other agency agreements such as Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements). This new application will be available on our website soon and its availability will be advertised to interested parties.



Enforcement Report for February 2020 Executive Officer's Report

Diana Henrioulle and Jordan Filak

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
November 20, 2019	Tobias Hafenecker- Dodge	NOV	Violation of CAO Directives	Ongoing

Comments: On November 20, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Mazari Farms Inc., Flore Farms Inc., #1 Tooby RD LLC, #3 Tooby RD LLC, and Tobias Hafenecker-Dodge for failure to comply with required actions under Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R1-2019-0051. The CAO, issued September 27, 2019, pertained to discharges and threatened discharges to receiving waters associated with constructed features on property in the South Fork Eel River watershed in Humboldt County. The NOV notified the dischargers of violations associated with their failure to submit a complete Interim Plan by October 7, 2019, and their failure to implement an approved Interim Plan by October 21, 2019. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
November 25, 2019	Gary J. Grimm	Extension and Amendment to 13267 Order	N/A	Ongoing

Comments: As reported in the last Enforcement Report, on November 8, 2019, Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) Villacorta issued to City Ventures Homebuilding Inc. a Water Code section 13267 Investigative Order, No. R1-2019-0056, requiring submission of technical and monitoring reports. On November 13, 2019, Gary J Grimm, on behalf of City Ventures Inc., submitted a request for time extensions for the requirements contained in the 13267 Order, to allow City Ventures more time to coordinate with its consultants to develop Bypass Reports (due November 22) and Cost Estimates (due December 9). On November 25, 2019, AEO Villacorta granted the requested extensions, extending the due dates for the Bypass Reports and Cost Estimates to December 3, 2019 and December 18, 2019, respectively. All other directives, due dates, and provisions in Investigative Order R1-2019-0056 remain the same. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
December 3, 2019	Dimi Valentino, INTREX Enterprises LLC	CAO	Water Code sections 13267 and 13304	Ongoing

Comments: On December 16, 2019, the Executive Officer (EO) issued CAO No. R1-2019-0058 to Dischargers Dimi Valentino, Intrex Enterprises LLC, and Blagovest Kalinov, pertaining to discharges and threatened discharges of earthen material, petroleum products, cannabis cultivation-related wastes, and human and domestic wastes to receiving waters in the Salmon

Creek watershed near the town of Miranda, in Humboldt County. The CAO requires the Dischargers to submit and implement, upon approval, an Interim Plan and a Cleanup, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
December 5, 2019	David R. Jones	NOV	1.California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264 2.Basin Plan section 4.2.1 Prohibition 2	Ongoing

Comments: On December 5, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to David R. Jones for violations associated with his property in the Spy Rock subarea of the Eel River watershed near Laytonville. During a July 16, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Mr. Jones to contact staff within 30 days to advise of his plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Mr. Jones to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 6, 2019	Herbert and Carolyn Peterson	NOV	1.Basin Plan Section 4.2.1, Prohibition 1 & 2 2.California Water Code Sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 6, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Herbert and Carolyn Peterson for violations associated with their property in the Spy Rock subarea of the Eel River watershed near Laytonville. During a July 18, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs the Petersons to contact staff within 30 days to advise of their plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs the Petersons to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 17, 2019	Jesus Mendoza	NOV	1.Basin Plan Section 4.2.1, Prohibition 1 & 2 2.California Water Code Sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 17, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Jesus Mendoza for violations associated with his property in the Lake Pillsbury subarea of the Eel River watershed. During a July 5, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Mr. Mendoza to contact staff within 30 days to advise of his

plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Mr. Mendoza to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 20, 2019	Jose Manuel Espino- Cardoza and Elvira D. Najera- Revolorio	NOV	California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 20, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Jose Manuel Espino-Cardoza and Elvira D. Najera-Revolorio for violations associated with their property, in the Tomki Creek subarea of the Eel River watershed south of Laytonville. During a July 17, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed cannabis cultivation and associated site disturbance of sufficient size and scope to require regulatory coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Statewide General Order. The NOV directs Mr. Espino-Cardoza and Ms. Najera-Revolorio to contact staff within 30 days to advise of their plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Mr. Espino-Cardoza and Ms. Najera-Revolorio to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 20, 2019	Blair Soffe and Donald Curley	NOV	1.Basin Plan Section 4.2.1, Prohibition 1 & 2 2.California Water Code Sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 20, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Blair Soffe and Donald Curley for violations associated with their property, in the Ettersburg subarea of the Mattole River watershed west of Miranda. During an August 5, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Mr. Soffe and Mr. Curley to contact staff within 30 days to advise of their plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Mr. Soffe and Mr. Curley to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 20, 2019	Cherie Nicole Sexton	NOV	California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 20, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Cherie Nicole Sexton for violations associated with her property, in the Outlet Creek subarea of the Eel River watershed near Laytonville. During a July 17, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed cannabis cultivation and associated site disturbance resulting in

discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters of sufficient size and scope to require regulatory coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Statewide General Order. The NOV directs Ms. Sexton to contact staff within 30 days to advise of her plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Ms. Sexton to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 23, 2019	Black Mountain Spring LLC	NOV	1.Basin Plan Section 4.2.1, Prohibition 1 & 2 2.California Water Code Sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 23, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Black Mountain Spring LLC for violations associated with its property in the Spy Rock subarea of the Eel River watershed near Laytonville. During a July 16, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Black Mountain Spring LLC to contact staff within 30 days to advise of its plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Black Mountain Spring LLC to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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December 26, 2019	Eugene Federov	NOV	 California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264 Basin Plan section 4.2.1 Prohibitions 1 and 2 Statewide Cannabis Order No. WQ 2017-0023-DWQ 	Ongoing

Comments: On December 26, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Eugene Federov for violations associated with his property in the Tomki subarea of the Eel River watershed south of Laytonville. During a July 17, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters and/or violated provisions of the statewide cannabis order, under which the property is enrolled. The NOV directs Mr. Federov to contact staff within 30 days to advise of his plan and schedule to address the violations. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
December 31, 2019	Robert Banque	NOV	California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On December 31, 2019, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Robert Banque for violations associated with his property in the Sequoia subarea of the Eel River watershed near Alderpoint. During an August 8, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges

of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Mr. Banque to either take action to obtain regulatory coverage, file a report of Waste Discharge, or provide a written response explaining non-applicability within 15 days of the NOV. The NOV also directs Mr. Banque to provide a Site Management Plan, including a description of proposed work and schedule to address recommendations in the inspection report, within 30 days of the NOV. This matter is ongoing.

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January 7, 2020	Winco Holdings Inc.	NOV	California Water Code Section 13350 and 13385	Ongoing

Comments: On January 7, 2020, the senior of the Southern Nonpoint Source and 401 Certification Unit issued a NOV to Winco Holdings Inc. for violations associated with its 38 Degrees North Project site, located at 2660 Petaluma Hill Road. On October 25, 2019, the Regional Water Board learned of unpermitted placement of stockpiled fill from the adjacent Kawana Springs Apartments Project construction site into jurisdictional wetlands on the 38 Degrees North site. Regional Water Board staff have received and provided conceptual agreement to a proposal for restoration and mitigation of the impacted wetlands. The NOV directs responsible parties to submit a complete 401 application formalizing the restoration proposal, by July 7, 2020, and to complete restoration by October 15, 2020. This matter is ongoing.

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January 7, 2020	Michael Kavanaugh	NOV	1.Basin Plan Section 4.2.1, Prohibition 1 & 2 2.California Water Code Sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On January 7, 2020, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Michael Kavanaugh for violations associated with his property in the Mattole River Hydrologic Area near Honeydew. During a September 3, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Mr. Kavanaugh to contact staff within 30 days to advise of his plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Mr. Kavanaugh to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
January 9, 2020	Michael and Adele Yearry	NOV	California Water Code sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On January 9, 2020, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Michael and Adele Yearry for violations associated with their property in the Orleans subarea of the Klamath River watershed southwest of the town of Orleans. During a September 5, 2019 multi-agency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs the Yearrys to contact staff within 30 days to advise of their plan and schedule to address recommendations in the

inspection report. The NOV also directs the Yearrys to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

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January 14, 2020	Jalal Ahmad Tahir	NOV	1.Basin Plan Section 4.2.1, Prohibition 1 & 2 2.California Water Code Sections 13260 and 13264	Ongoing

Comments: On January 14, 2020, the Enforcement Unit senior issued a NOV to Jalal Ahmad Tahir for violations associated with his property in the Grouse Creek subarea of the South Fork Trinity River watershed northwest of the town of Hyampom. During a September 4, 2019 multiagency inspection, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation that were causing or had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of waste to receiving waters. The NOV directs Mr. Tahir to contact staff within 30 days to advise of his plan and schedule to address the violations. The NOV also directs Mr. Tahir to file a Report of Waste Discharge or to enroll for coverage under the statewide Cannabis Order. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
January 17, 2020	Enclave LP; Attn: Daniel Morgan	NOV	Construction General Permit: 1. Att. B, Provision J.2 2. Att. D, Provision D.2 3. Att. D, Provision E.1	Ongoing

Comments: On January 17, 2020, the Chief of the Point Source Control and Groundwater Protection Division issued, on behalf of the NPDES Unit senior, a NOV to Daniel Morgan, President of Enclave LP, for violations of the Construction General Storm Water Permit (CGP) on Enclave LP's Marlow Commons Subdivision project in Santa Rosa. During December 16, 19, and 22, 2019 inspections, Regional Water Board staff observed features and conditions associated with project construction that had resulted in discharges and threatened discharges of sediment from the site to locations where it may enter the City of Santa Rosa's storm drain system. The NOV identifies recommendations to correct the violations and directs Mr. Morgan to contact Regional Water Board staff within 10 days to advise of Enclave LP's plan and schedule to implement the recommendations. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of January 22, 2020
January 21, 2020	Sonoma Luxury Resort LLC	ACLC	 Several provisions of CGP Basin Plan section 3.3.17 Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification 	Public hearing tentatively scheduled for April 16/17, 2019

Comments: On January 21, 2020, AEO Villacorta issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACLC) Order No. R1-2020-0009 to Sonoma Luxury Resort LLC (Discharger) for violations of the Construction General Permit (CGP), Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan), and the Clean Water Action Section 401 Water Quality Certification on the Discharger's Saggio Hills (a.k.a. Montage Healdsburg) project north of Healdsburg in the Middle Russian River watershed. The ACLC alleges 38 violations over the period from October 3, 2018

to May 19, 2019, including 36 non-discharge violations of the CGP, 33 days of measured or reported violations of Basin Plan turbidity objectives in receiving waters, and unauthorized discharge of 6.6 million gallons of sediment-laden storm water from the project site to receiving waters. The ACLC proposes assessment of \$4,907,409.00 in administrative civil liability. This item is tentatively scheduled for public hearing at the Regional Water Board's April 16-17, 2020 meeting.



Projected List of Future Regional Water Board Agenda Items

The following is a list of Regional Water Board agenda items that staff are planning for Board meetings in 2020. **This list of agenda items is intended for general planning purposes and is subject to change.** Questions regarding the listed agenda items should be addressed to the identified staff person.

April 16 & 17, 2020 (Humboldt County TBD, CA)

- Town of Samoa NPDES (Justin McSmith) [A]
- Humboldt Redwood Company Stitz Creek WDRs (Maggie Robinson) [A]
- Loleta CSD WWTP NPDES Permit and TSO (Justin McSmith) [A]
- Low Threat Discharge General NPDES (Nic Colbrunn) [A]
- Integrated Report (Katharine Carter and Mary Bartholomew) [I]
- Update on SB 901 Program (Jonathan Warmerdam) [I]

June 18 & 19, 2020 (Santa Rosa, CA)

- Laguna TMDL Update (Kelsey Cody) [I]
- Santa Rosa WWTF NPDES (Cathy Goodwin) [A]
- Town of Windsor WWTF NPDES (Justin McSmith) [A]
- Mendocino County South Coast SWDS WDRs Reissuance (Terri Cia) [A]
- Multi-Party WDR Rescission Order (Nic Colbrunn) [A]
- Modification to Geysers Power Company, LLC Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. 99-35 (Scott Gergus) [A]
- County of Sonoma LAMP Approval Resolution (Charles Reed) [A]
- Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plans (Matt St. John) [I]

