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Gualala River Watershed Update and Upcoming Public Review Opportunities for Regulatory Actions

Matt Graves

Overview

The North Coast Water Board's new Watershed Assessment and Recovery Unit (WARU) – formed to support the development and implementation of county and private rural roads permits to aid recovery of sediment and temperature impaired watersheds in the North Coast Region, with an initial focus in the Gualala River watershed – is excited to announce that it has filled each of its remaining positions with the hiring of two Engineering Geologists: Matt Graves and Randy Lew. Matt is a licensed Professional Geologist who has spent the previous four years in the North Coast Water Board's Planning Unit working on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) projects in

the Upper Elk River and Laguna de Santa Rosa watersheds and developing a process for the California Department of Transportation to meet sediment and temperature load reduction obligations in various TMDL watersheds. Randy is a licensed Professional Geologist and Certified Engineering Geologist with over 20 years of experience conducting road-related sediment source assessments and treatment design, designing and implementing instream and off-channel habitat improvements, and developing and implementing erosion control and stormwater pollution prevention plans.

The WARU team has launched a new [webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/waru) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/waru). The team will use this page to post updates on the development of a permitting program for private, rural roads in the Gualala River watershed (Gualala Roads

Permit) and to provide updates on the Gualala River TMDL Action Plan.

Permit Development

In developing the Gualala Roads Permit to address sediment pollution from private, rural roads, WARU staff are currently focusing on (1) contract development, (2) community outreach, (3) environmental analysis development, and (4) permit framework development.

1) Contract development: Staff are developing two contracts to support outreach and engagement activities; the evaluation of current watershed conditions, such as land use, road network densities, and forest landscapes; and implementation of the forthcoming permit.

2) Community outreach: Staff have initiated outreach with landowners, interested parties, California Native American Tribes, and other members of the community. The North Coast Water Board's future contractor will also support ongoing outreach and public engagement.

3) Environmental analysis development: Staff are working on an environmental study to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is a law that requires government agencies to consider how projects, such as permits, might affect the environment before they are approved. The study evaluates how projects could impact things like water quality, cultural resources, wildlife, and noise levels. The public can be involved in this process by reviewing and commenting on draft reports when available.

4) Permit framework development: Staff are developing a "proposed permit framework" that outlines high-level concepts guiding development of the permit. This is one of the first steps in developing a draft permit.

WARU staff have developed a [flyer](https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/waru/pdf/flyer_0425.pdf) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/waru/pdf/flyer_0425.pdf) that describes key information related to the project.

Upcoming Public Review Opportunities

Two distinct but related opportunities for public review of projects occurring in the Gualala River watershed will soon be available to the public: (1) review of the CEQA Initial Study of potential environmental impacts of the Gualala Roads Permit and (2) review of the TMDL Action Plan and supporting Staff Report. Though these projects are interrelated, they are being developed separately and are undergoing different stages of public review at this time.

1) The Initial Study for the Gualala Roads Permit will be made available in July 2025. Members of the public will have 30 days from the release date to comment on the potential environmental impacts of permit issuance. The North Coast Water Board will host two scoping workshops during the environmental review period. Workshop details and instructions on how to participate will be released when available. Feedback on the permit itself will be requested at a later date when the draft permit is released for public review.

2) The public will be invited to provide comments on the TMDL Action Plan and its supporting Staff Report on July 11th. Commentors will have until August 25th to provide feedback. A public workshop will be held prior to the review period closing, during the August 14th-15th board meeting. Details and instructions on how to participate in the workshop will be available in advance of the meeting and can be found on the North Coast Water Board's meeting agenda [webpage](https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/).

Native American Culture Beneficial Uses in the North Coast Region

Michelle Fuller

California Native American tribes have used water to support their cultural and traditional practices since time immemorial. In 2003, in coordination with tribes in the North Coast Region, the North Coast Water Board was the first in the state to add a beneficial use to the Basin Plan recognizing Native American cultural uses of water.



The South Fork Trinity River (photo by Michelle Fuller)

In recognition of water uses unique to tribal culture, tradition, ceremonies, and lifeways the beneficial use of Native American Culture (CUL) is defined in our Basin Plan as follows:

Native American Culture (CUL) Uses of water that support the cultural and/or traditional rights of indigenous people such as subsistence fishing and shellfish gathering, basket weaving and jewelry material collection, navigation to traditional ceremonial locations, and ceremonial uses.

Working with tribes in the region to confirm, the North Coast Water Board designated 28

waterbody segments for the CUL beneficial use in the 2003 Basin Plan amendment. These designations are predominantly in the northern part of the region, and also apply to the tributaries of the specifically identified waterbodies. The North Coast Water Board relied on this CUL definition and its designation in the Klamath River Watershed to document impairment and set water quality targets protective of tribal uses in the [2010 Klamath River TMDLs](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/klamath_river/)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/klamath_river/).

In 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution 2017-0027, which established [Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/docs/hg_prov_final.pdf)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/docs/hg_prov_final.pdf) statewide, including new beneficial use definitions for Tribal Traditional Culture (CUL) and Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and mercury provisions. The Mercury Provisions set mercury limits to protect the beneficial uses associated with the consumption of fish by both people and wildlife. Applicable sections of the Mercury Provisions are brought into the North Coast Water Board's Basin Plan as a non-substantive amendment under the 2025 Basin Plan Remediation project (Item 6 on the [June 2025 North Coast Water Board Meeting Agenda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/06_2025/index.html))

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/06_2025/index.html).

While the State Water Board's tribal beneficial use definitions do not supersede the North Coast Water Board's CUL definition, these new definitions are available for incorporation into regional basin plans, initiating statewide movement across regions to modify individual basin plans with the new definitions. Thus far, four regions have incorporated the State Water Board's tribal beneficial uses definitions into their basin plans, but none have completed a

process to designate waterbodies for those uses.

Several North Coast Tribes requested designations of waterbodies for Native American Culture (CUL) beneficial use during the 2023 Triennial Review outreach. The North Coast Water Board identified the Native American Culture Beneficial Uses project as a priority project in the [2023 Triennial Review](https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/06_2024/pdf/7/triennial-finalstaffrprt.pdf) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/06_2024/pdf/7/triennial-finalstaffrprt.pdf), and included the project in the Planning Program Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024-2027. This project also supports actions in the [April 2025 Racial Equity Action Plan for the North Coast Region](https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/04_2025/pdf/4/4-reap.pdf) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/04_2025/pdf/4/4-reap.pdf), building and strengthening relationships with tribes in the region and improving North Coast Water Board's understanding of Native American Culture beneficial uses of water.



Traditional basket (photo provided by State Water Board)

The Tribal Tradition and culture (CUL 2017) definition adopted by the State Water Board differs from the Native American Culture (CUL 2003) definition adopted by the North Coast Water Board. A key difference is the inclusion of tribal subsistence fishing in the CUL 2003 definition, and the separation of T-SUB and CUL 2017 in the State Water Board definitions. This difference comes up in the State Water Board's [Final Staff Report for the Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/docs/hg_SR_final.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/docs/hg_SR_final.pdf), which asserts that the State Water Board's

Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB) or any associated water quality objectives applicable to fish consumption, do not automatically apply to waters with the CUL 2003 designation due to State Water Board staff's uncertainty regarding the information used to support the existing 28 designations. In conjunction with the North Coast Water Board designation project, staff plan to affirm tribal subsistence fishing for both existing and new designations, where it exists. Before additional designations are made, a comparison of the differences between the CUL 2003 or CUL 2017 plus T-SUB definitions and any associated implications will be undertaken to confirm that the definition(s) that best represent the interests of tribes across the region are used.

There are 50 California Native American Tribes with ancestral territories covering the North Coast Region. The region has over 67,000 miles of rivers, 27,000 acres of lakes, 340 miles of coastline, and 62 groundwater basins that tribes may request designations for. To initiate the North Coast Region's Native American Culture Beneficial Uses in project, in May 2025, Tribal Consultation letters were sent to the California Native American Tribes in the region inviting government-to-government consultation. Next steps include developing additional communication materials and conducting outreach with tribal staff, community members, and interested parties to understand water quality related needs, concerns, and waterbody designation requests. Some upcoming milestones and their timelines are listed below:

Milestone	Timeline
Tribal consultation	Spring-Summer 2025
Staff Workshops on beneficial use definitions and designation process	Spring 2026
Waterbody designation process	Spring-Fall 2026
Basin Plan amendment	2027

For additional information up updates please see the [project webpage](https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/nacbu/) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/nacbu/), and sign up for the [Native American Culture Beneficial Uses project email subscription list](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast).

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Availability of Russian River Regional Monitoring Program's Assessment of Select Watershed Health Indicators Report

Matt St. John

The [Russian River Regional Monitoring Program](https://sites.google.com/sfei.org/r3mp/) (https://sites.google.com/sfei.org/r3mp/) (R3MP) was established in 2019 to provide the scientific information necessary for successful long-term management of Russian River watershed health. Management challenges in the Russian River watershed are amplifying due to rapid environmental change with climate and land use changes, exemplified by altered ecological processes and functions and negative impacts to public health and safety, wildlife and aquatic life. These challenges demand a coordinated watershed-scale approach to monitoring and assessment to

inform water resource management in the watershed. The R3MP is envisioned as an integral part of a scientific enterprise centered on the watershed that services the many management interests, including counties, municipalities, other public agencies, Tribes, non-governmental environmental organizations, and private interests that need a dependable source of high quality, independent, scientific information to successfully address clearly defined watershed health issues.

In March 2025 the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), the R3MP's implementing entity, released [A Compilation and Retrospective Assessment of Selected Russian River Watershed Health Indicators](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1caMm0ID4AX5TrwhcZcuZDutF8HJgV5DB/view) (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1caMm0ID4AX5TrwhcZcuZDutF8HJgV5DB/view). Addressing watershed-scale management questions to support resilient ecosystems and human communities requires sound understanding of environmental conditions and their many interacting drivers and responses. The study advances the understanding of selected watershed health indicators and associated metrics recommended in the June 2024 [Initial Coordinated 5-yr Monitoring Plan](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lkXqRfGdG02k65di8PvD5OtMmUVqTjAL/view) (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lkXqRfGdG02k65di8PvD5OtMmUVqTjAL/view) by compiling from public sources disparate available historical data collected since the early 2000s and assessing stream water quality and general stream health conditions.

The following findings are summarized in the [Fact Sheet](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cNThBB0mvGFOPiV_rv6STQg2RSZw3TB4/view) (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cNThBB0mvGFOPiV_rv6STQg2RSZw3TB4/view) that accompanies the full report.

Temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pH

Continuous monitoring for the selected lower and middle Russian River mainstem stations suggests higher temperatures and lower DO in drier water years particularly in the middle

mainstem. Pronounced diurnal swings in DO and pH are detected in the dry and very dry representative water years. Trends over time are not apparent, save for an increasing number of days with low DO at the downstream gage. Discrete data show warmer temperatures and lower DO in summer months, with mainstem locations

generally warmer than tributary locations, though this varies substantially by location. Annual trends in the discrete data are not detected. Longitudinally, temperatures generally increase while moving downstream, particularly in the summer months. For pH, levels are fairly consistent save for several stations. Interpretation of the discrete data is limited, as considerable variability in the data may be due to the inconsistent sampling frequencies and timing at locations across years.

Nutrients

For discretely-sampled nutrient metrics examined, annual trends are not apparent. For total nitrogen, dry season samples tend to be lower than wet season samples with a few exceptions. Spatially, nutrient concentrations for the metrics explored are more variable and generally higher for tributary locations. Overall, the data suggest higher concentrations of nutrients detected at locations within the urbanized Santa Rosa area, where sampling is also disproportionately distributed. Comparison with US Environmental Protection Agency benchmarks for Ecoregion III shows total nitrogen and total phosphorus concentrations above the benchmarks at some stations, and proportionally more for tributaries. As with the other discrete data, interpretation is limited due to spatial and temporal sampling inconsistencies.

Stream ecological conditions

Summary of California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) stream habitat conditions within the Russian River watershed (assessed

between 2007 and 2024), show that most sites in the Santa Rosa area are in poor or fair condition largely due to the intensity of adjacent land use, historical and current channel modification, management, and simplification. Most other sites in the watershed are in good condition, representing sites located on natural channel reaches in non-urbanized settings. A few fair condition scores outside the Santa Rosa area reflect local conditions such as a dam and agricultural setting with channel incision. Underlying CRAM Attribute and Metric scores (including buffer and landscape context, hydrology, and physical and biotic structure) provide more refined information concerning a stream's condition.

Physical habitat for salmonids

Much has been learned over the last two decades with regard to endangered and threatened coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout, under the Russian River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring Program and California Coastal Salmonid Monitoring Plan, involving Sonoma Water, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and California Sea Grant. Monitoring points to the importance of adequate spring and summer tributary flows and hydrologic connectivity. Other than wet/dry mapping of priority coho tributaries, systematic physical habitat monitoring is limited in the Russian River watershed, and available historical data is either outdated or limited spatially, with examples shown in the report. Two primary physical habitat monitoring methods, by CDFW and the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program's statewide Perennial Streams Assessment program, offer a suite of metrics and protocols, many of which are similar.

Pursuant to a new contract with the Regional Water Board, SFEI and the R3MP's steering committee and technical advisory committee will soon begin development of an Annual Monitoring Work Plan and identify ready and

willing partner monitoring entities that can support monitoring implementation, while also working with the steering committee's funding workgroup to develop a long-term funding strategy for the Program.

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Enforcement Report for June 2025 Executive Officer's Report

Jeremiah Puget

Summary of Enforcement Actions issued between **March 5, 2025 – May 14, 2025**

Throughout the year, with support from the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement (OE), Regional Water Board staff (Staff) develop and manage enforcement cases starting informally through direct correspondence including issuing Notices of Violations (NOVs) and pursuing a progressive enforcement approach that results in formal enforcement actions such as Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs), and Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints. Once Staff determine that an enforcement action will result in the issuance of an ACL Complaint, the Enforcement Team prepares supporting evidence and provides the discharger(s) an opportunity to discuss the facts relating to the violations, including the option of settlement.

Table 1 summarizes NOVs and Staff Enforcement Letters. Table 2 summarizes CAOs, Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), regulatory directives, and No Further Action Letters (NFAs). Table 3 summarizes proposed and adopted CDOs and Time Schedule Orders (TSOs) as well as ACL Complaints, ACL Orders, settlement negotiations pending the adoption of a final Stipulated ACL Order, and the status of Compliance Projects (CPs) and Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs).

During this reporting period:

- Staff Issued 17 NOVs, one directive for a complete Report of Waste Discharge, and three NFAs.
- Staff Continued settlement negotiations with dischargers on four cases.
- Two CPs were completed by the City of Ukiah and City of Rio Dell, making improvements to their wastewater facilities.
- The Regional Water Board issued one TSO, one CAO, and two ACL Orders.

Table notes and other acronyms:

Basin Plan	Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region
CSD	Community Services District
WPCAA	Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account
MMPs	Mandatory Minimum Penalties
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
WDRs	Waste Discharge Requirements

Table 1. NOVs and Staff Enforcement Letters Issued Between March 5, 2025 – May 14, 2025

To view and download NOVs and other enforcement actions, go to:

[The Public Reports portal](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html)

Select Interactive Violation Reports > select Display Results > select Date Range (of violation or action) > select Run Report.

Then select the linked violations next to the region and select the facility of interest below the Facility column. NOVs can be found under the Enforcement Action drop-down menu and are often hyperlinked as "null". **Select null to download an NOV.**

For Groundwater Cleanups go to [GeoTracker](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Search the facility by name or address > select facility from the dropdown menu > select Regulatory Activities > within Regulatory Activities Action Type Filter select enforcement/orders.

If you have any questions on this database or current enforcement actions within the North Coast Region, please contact Region 1's Enforcement Coordinator Jeremiah Puget at Jeremiah.Puget@waterboards.ca.gov or 707-576-2835.

Facility Name	Agency	City	County	Program	Action Date	Reg Meas ID
Lee, Toua Property	Lee, Toua	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	3/6/2025	458060
Fenario Farms	Ballard, Danny	Garberville	Humboldt	Cannabis	3/13/2025	460418
Lee, Ana Property	Lee, Ana	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	3/13/2025	458050
Wilson Winery	Wilson, Kenneth	Healdsburg	Sonoma	WDRs (Waste to Land)	3/18/2025	460515
Pelican Bay State Prison	Day, Kevin	Crescent City	Del Norte	WDRs (Waste to Land)	3/18/2025	TBD
Edson Foulke Ditch Crossing at Willow Creek	Edson Foulke Ditch Company	Yreka/Grenada	Siskiyou	Water Quality Certifications	3/20/2025	460555
797 Mountain View	Huang Tian Yang LLC	Lewiston	Trinity	Cannabis	3/20/2025	460500
TA Farms LLC - Miranda River Site	Mother Earth Engineering	Miranda	Humboldt	Cannabis	3/21/2025	460518
Roseburg Forest Products	Roseburg Forest Products Company	Weed	Siskiyou	WDRs (Waste to Land)	3/27/2025	TBD
Raul Carrillo 032-293-15-00	Carrillo, Raul	Covelo	Mendocino	Cannabis	4/9/2025	460702

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Facility Name	Agency	City	County	Program	Action Date	Reg Meas ID
Harding, Michael Property	Harding, Michael	Laytonville	Mendocino	Cannabis	4/15/2025	460798
Mendocino #1 Idle Line Removal Phase 2 - Center	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Mendocino	Mendocino	Construction Stormwater	4/24/2025	S455788
The Fountaingrove Club	The Fountaingrove Club	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	Water Quality Certifications	4/25/2025	460823
Weott CSD Wastewater Treatment Facility	Weott Community Services District	Weott	Humboldt	WDRs (Waste to Land)	4/29/2025	TBD
1820 Los Alamos Road	Kazemini, Hassan	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	Water Quality Certifications	4/29/2025	461048
PG&E Ukiah Access Road	Pacific Gas and Electric	Ukiah	Mendocino	Water Quality Certifications	5/1/2025	TBD
Pezzi King Vineyards	Wilson, Kenneth	Healdsburg	Sonoma	WDRs (Waste to Land)	5/7/2025	461081

Figure 1: NOVs Issued Between March 5, 2025 and May 14, 2025

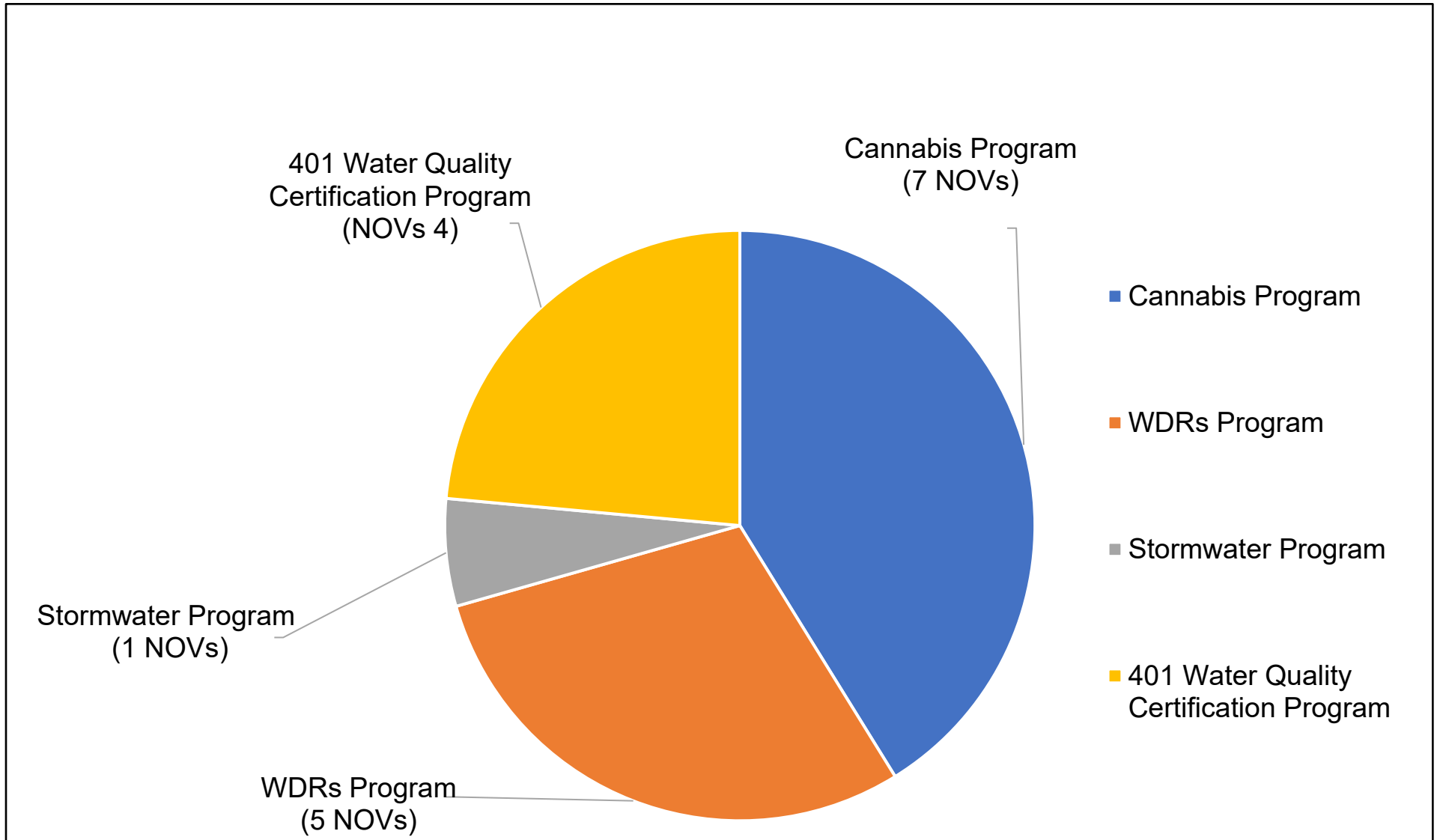


Figure 2: Cannabis NOVs Issued Between March 5, 2025 and May 14, 2025 by County

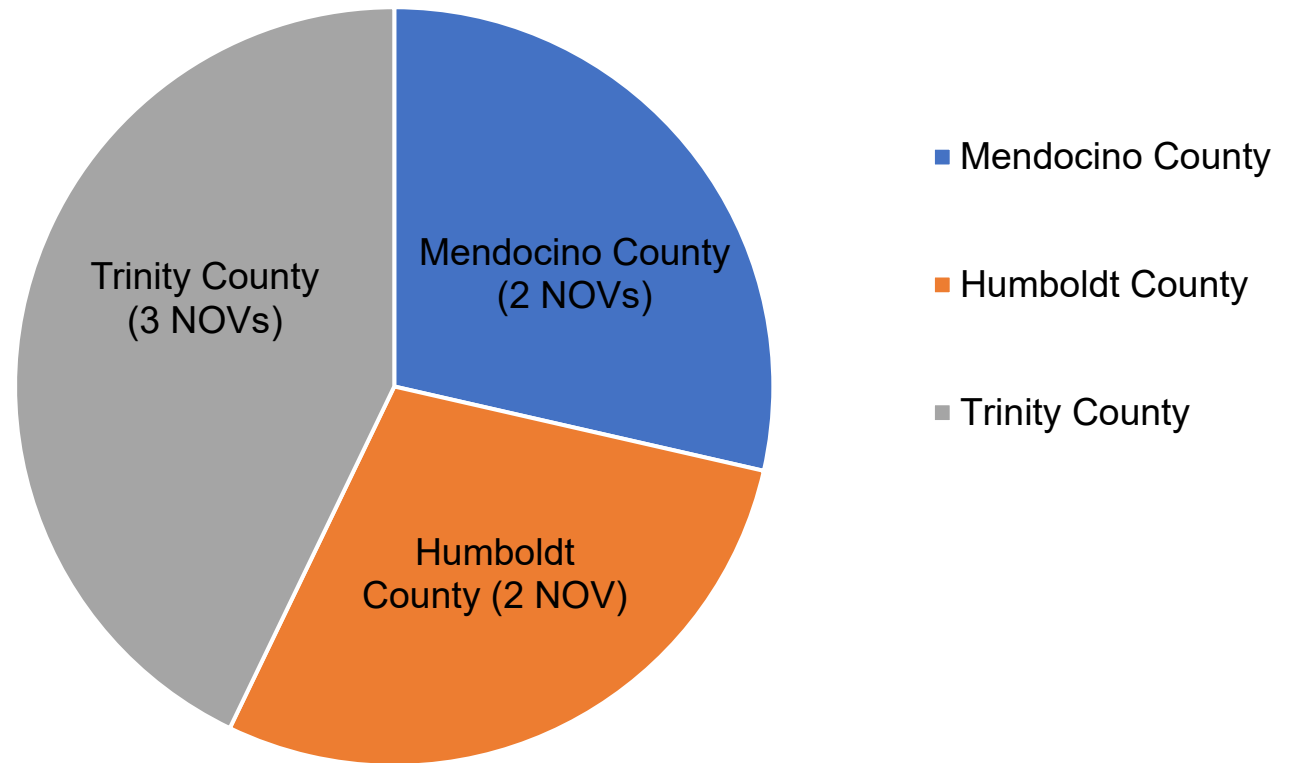


Table 2.**Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Compliance Notices & Directives, Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), and No Further Action Letters (NFA) Issued Between March 5, 2025 and May 14, 2025**

Date Issued	Action	Owner/ Operator Name	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
March 19, 2025	No Further Action	Tou Hmong Lee	Trinity	South Fork Trinity River	Cannabis	The Discharger has submitted documentation satisfying the cleanup actions requested in an NOV dated January 23, 2025. Additionally, the Discharger has enrolled in the Cannabis General Order.
March 19, 2025	No Further Action	Moua Lee	Trinity	South Fork Trinity River	Cannabis	The Discharger has submitted documentation satisfying the cleanup actions requested in an NOV dated January 23, 2025. Additionally, the Discharger has ceased cannabis cultivation.
March 19, 2025	No Further Action	Mai Lee	Trinity	South Fork Trinity River	Cannabis	The Discharger has submitted documentation satisfying the cleanup actions requested in an NOV dated January 23, 2025. Additionally, the Discharger has enrolled in the Cannabis General Order.
March 27, 2025	13260 Directive	Roseburg Forest Products	Siskiyou	Shasta Valley	WDRs (Waste to Land)	Staff have required the Discharger to submit technical information to supplement and complete a Report of Waste Discharge.

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Date Issued	Action	Owner/ Operator Name	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
March 28, 2025	CAO R1- 2025-0016	Margarita Vizcaino Andrade	Mendocino	Middle Fork Eel River	Cannabis	Staff observed various vehicles, extensive amounts of trash; various structures that included residential areas with a human wastewater septic system directly connected via pump and hose to a nearby watercourse; other structures including cannabis processing areas, which included ice production and other equipment and containers involving industrial use of water in an uncontained system hydrologically connected to a nearby stream; and various cultivation related wastes uncontained throughout the property.

Table 3.
**Time Schedule Orders (TSOs), Cease and Desist Order (CDOs), Administrative Civil Liability (ACLs),
Stipulated Orders, and Settlement Discussions (Underway or Completed)**

Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of May 14, 2025 ¹
Carrillo	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0034 Required Action No. 1 submittal of a CRMP by September 15, 2024	\$55,335	ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0006 issued on February 10, 2025. Violation Period: September 15, 2024, to February 10, 2025	On May 7, 2025 the Regional Water Board adopted the proposed ACL.
Sexton Properties, LLC	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2023-0054 Required Actions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6; for developing a cleanup plan, winterizing the site, and implementing and finishing a cleanup plan.	\$184,009	Draft Time Schedule Order and Informational Order R1-2025-00XX issued on February 18, 2025. Violation Period: January 14, 2024, to February 18, 2025	On May 7, 2025 the Regional Water Board adopted the proposed Time Schedule Order.
City of Ukiah	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$75,000	Stipulated Order No. R1-2022-0042 issued on December 20, 2022.	The City has completed construction of the required CP to replace its belt filter press with a screw press to enhance biosolids dewatering, reduce maintenance time, and improve effluent quality. The final report has been submitted and this matter is fully resolved.

¹ Public hearing notices on pending enforcement actions can be found at the [Public Hearing Notices – Enforcement Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/enforcement_hearings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/enforcement_hearings/). More information on ACL Complaints and ACL Orders can be found online at the [Regional Water Boards Adopted Orders Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/) or at the [California Integrated Water Quality System \(CIWQS\) Public Reports Portal](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html).

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of May 14, 2025 ¹
City of Eureka – Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$51,000	Stipulated Order No. R1-2024-0059 issued on January 22, 2025.	The Discharger will implement a Pollution Reduction SEP by installing Low Impact Development (LID) features in the city of Eureka. Each LID feature includes the installation of bioretention planter boxes and native drought resistant plants. The SEP will be completed by September 30, 2025.
City of Fortuna – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$48,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0033A issued on October 30, 2024. Violation Period: April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2024	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days and settlement discussions are ongoing.
City of Loleta – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$618,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0056A issued on October 31, 2024. Violation Period: March 15, 2018, to March 31, 2024	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days and settlement discussions are ongoing.
Vintage Wine Estates, Inc.	WDRs / Food Processors	WDR Effluent Limit Violations, Discharge Prohibitions (nuisance odors and unauthorized discharges), and General Provisions	Not Applicable	CDO No. R1-2024-0049 issued on October 3, 2024. Violation Period: September 20, 2021 to August 2, 2024	Vintage Wine Estates, Inc., has sold the property to DFG Real Estate, LLC., who continue to update Staff on odor controls, pond repairs, treatment modifications, and upgrades. Staff are in communication with DFG

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of May 14, 2025 ¹
					Real Estate, LLC., regarding ongoing corrective actions, changes to their treatment and disposal plans, and pending investigations at the facility. This matter is ongoing.
Samoa WWTP	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$33,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2024-0049 issued on September 9, 2024. Violation Period: March 22, 2023 to December 31, 2023	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days and settlement discussions are ongoing.
City Ventures Homebuilding, LLC- Fox Hollow Development Site	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Construction General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum BMPs resulting in the unauthorized discharge of sediment laden stormwater to Peterson Creek, a tributary to Russian River	\$833,316	Stipulated Order No. R1-2024-0042 adopted on September 10, 2024.	The Discharger will pay \$417,316 to the WPCAA and \$416,000 to the Laguna Foundation for implementation of the Petersen Creek Vernal Pool Restoration SEP. The quarterly SEP status report for Q1 2025 describes the completion of several scheduled tasks, including planning for installation of water infrastructure to support grazing, the filling of 65 soil pits, and removal and mowing of invasive Himalayan blackberry and Harding grass. The final

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					SEP payment is due November 11, 2025.
BoDean Company, Inc.- Mark West Quarry Site	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Industrial General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum and advanced BMPs resulting in the discharge of 10.5 million gallons of sediment laden stormwater to Porter Creek, a tributary to the Russian River	\$8,589,406	Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2021-0047-A was issued on September 14, 2023, and includes an increased potential liability for additional violations that occurred after the first ACL complaint was issued on September 10, 2021. Violation Period: December 2018 – January 2023	On April 2, 2025, the Regional Water Board adopted ACL Order R1-2025-0017 for \$126,969. BoDean has paid the liability in full. On May 2, 2025, the Office of Enforcement requested that the State Board review the Regional Board's Order.
City of Arcata – Wastewater Treatment Facility	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$393,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0008 was issued on January 9, 2023.	First Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0008-A was issued on July 8, 2024. The Discharger formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days for the First Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0008-A. Settlement discussions are ongoing.

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City of Rio Dell – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs	\$33,000	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0025 adopted on May 15, 2023.	A chloramination wastewater treatment CP has been completed, and the final report has been submitted. This matter has been fully resolved.
Daniel Maldonado Suarez	Cannabis	Violations of Water Code sections 13267 and 13304 for failure to submit a CRMP by May 1, 2022, and implement the CRMP by October 15, 2022	\$138,750	ACL Complaint R1-2023-0009 issued on January 9, 2023.	ACL Order No. R1-2023-0043 was adopted by the Regional Water Board on June 15, 2023. Due to the Discharger's delinquency on CAO compliance and payments on the ACL Order. Staff issued Payment Demand Letters, a lien has been recorded on the property, and this matter has been referred to collections.
Enclave, Santa Rosa LP and Morgan Properties, Inc. Marlow Commons Development Site	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Construction General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum BMPs resulting in the release of sediment from the site to a municipal storm drain discharging to Piner Creek, a tributary to the Russian River	\$46,200	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0052 adopted on November 15, 2023	Due to the Discharger's delinquency on payments towards the SEP and ACL Order, Staff issued three Payment Demand Letters. To date, Staff have not received a response. This matter has been referred to collections.

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Hugh Reimers and Krasilsa Pacific Farms LLC	Non-Point Source Program Complaint Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basin Plan Section 4.2.1 - Water Code Section 13376 - CAO Required Actions 5 & 9 for failure to submit an acceptable Restoration, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan 	\$3,750,852	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0045 was adopted on August 22, 2023 and imposes a \$450,000 liability.	The liability has been paid by the Dischargers. The Stipulated Order also required the Dischargers to complete the proposed Restoration Mitigation and Monitoring Plan by October 15, 2023. The Dischargers were granted extension by the Executive Officer until October 15, 2025, to fully implement and complete the Plan. This matter is ongoing.
Ken Bareilles	Southern Non-Point Source and Forestry Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discharges of waste into waters of the state in violation of Categorical Waiver² and Basin Plan - CAO R1-2022-0009 Required Action No. 1 for failure to submit plan by deadline - CAO R1-2022-0028 Required Action No. 1 for failure to submit plan 	\$276,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0026 issued on March 20, 2023, covering the period between December 1, 2020 and March 20, 2023. Based on violations of CAOs, Basin Plan Prohibitions, and Categorical Waiver ⁶ conditions while conducting timber harvest activities on the property	ACL Order No. R1-2023-0040 was adopted by the Regional Water Board on June 16, 2023, and the ACL was increased to \$276,000. The Discharger was required to complete cleanup work on the property by September 29, 2023. After re-inspecting the site on February 27, 2024, Staff found that no major cleanup or restoration has been completed at the site. This matter is ongoing.

² **Categorical Waiver Order No. R1-2014-0011** Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region

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Russian River CSD and Sonoma Water Agency	NPDES Wastewater	Violations of the Sanitary Sewer Order including unauthorized discharge of 885,664 gallons of raw sewage from the Russian River CSD collection system to the Russian River	\$1,033,546	Order No. R1-2023-0049 includes Enhanced Compliance Action for a study to evaluate regional projects that aim to improve water quality, water supply reliability, and climate change resiliency in the Russian River watershed. The Enhanced Compliance Action would cost \$887,000, and \$147,001 would be paid to the WPCAA.	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0049 was adopted on December 20, 2023. The Discharger paid the liability portion of the Order. The Discharger awarded the Feasibility Study Consultant Agreements for the Enhanced Compliance Action to West Yost during a Sonoma County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 26, 2024. The study has a completion date of June 30, 2027. This matter is ongoing.

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 the next two Board meetings. **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.

August 14-15, 2025 – Santa Rosa, CA

- Rescission Iron Gate Hatchery NPDES Permit (*Justin McSmith*) [A]
- Action Plan for the Russian River Watershed Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load (*Lance Le, Lisa Bernard*) [A]
- Harding ACLC (*Ermias Berhe*) [A]
- Gualala River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load Action Plan Workshop (*Lance Le*) [W]
- Enforcement Update (*Jeremiah Puget*) [I]
- Recycled Water in Region 1 (*Tina Low*) [I]

October 8, 2025 – Crescent City, CA

- Smith River Plain SWAMP Monitoring Report & Update on WDR Development (*Ben Zabinsky, Brenna Sullivan*) [I]

October 10, 2025 – Yreka, CA

- Scott and Shasta Watersheds Draft WDR Public Workshop (*Eli Scott*) [W]

