

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region

October 15, 2021

**Item:** 11

**Subject: South Coast Regional Cannabis Program Update**

Mr. Eric Lindberg, Senior Engineering Geologist and Chief of the South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit, will provide the Santa Ana Water Board a Regional update on the cannabis program. South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit (Cannabis Unit) staff are responsible for implementation of the statewide Cannabis Cultivation General Order for the Santa Ana, Los Angeles and San Diego Regional Water Boards. To date, there are 641 enrollees in the program across the three Regions, of which 69 enrollees are in the Santa Ana Region. The Cannabis Unit has seen a significant uptick in outdoor enrollments in the Los Angeles and Santa Ana Regions since the beginning of the year. This is primarily driven by Ventura County, which passed Measure O in the November 2020 General Election, and enrollments in San Jacinto.

Cannabis Unit staff also inspect and pursue enforcement on unlicensed, illicit cannabis cultivations across the three Regions. Since January 1, 2021, Cannabis Unit staff have inspected 31 unenrolled sites and issued 31 Notice of Violations to landowners. One Cleanup and Abatement and Water Code 13267 Investigative Order has been issued in the San Diego Region since the beginning of the year. Additional formal enforcement is anticipated in the Santa Ana and San Diego Regions before the end of the calendar year.

**Staff Recommendation**

This is an information item; no action will be taken by the Board.