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Forget PRA, the information answers my questions.

Sadly, the Cannabis Cultivators Policy Regulations were written by staff who don't know The California Water Plan Update, the EPA's regulations [management measures & BMPs, or local county laws that apply. In Fact, the policy asserts "The Cannabis Cultivator shall comply with all federal ...regulations." Federal law makes cannabis cultivation illegal - why include impossible statements?

Then there's ungrammatical statements like "absent restrictions on water diversion..." Perhaps "absent restrictions on water diversion..." was meant.

I suggest you review the EPA textbook MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL ON NONPOINT POLLUTION FROM AGRICULTURE which is on the web.

The County Code requires farmers to use NRCS BMPs;

The NRCS has a storage practice titled AGRICHEMICAL HANDLING FACILITY, or AHJ, which could be mentioned in the policy under pesticide storage.

I don't grow Cannabis, but the County registered my neighbor to grow it. The County tells me I'm farming illegally because my parcel is zoned RR and has no dwelling on it - my house is on my other parcel. This will change when the new General Plan is adopted - but my neighbor is allowed to grow Cannabis which isn't agriculture. The Water Board has separate WDRs and the Planning Dept, not the ag comm. registers Cannabis growers.