

MOVING DIRT?

Notice: Cannabis Cultivation Enforcement Initiative
Anyone performing work that affects or degrades a stream or watercourse due to construction activities is subject to penalties by the State Water Board. You also must be a state-licensed C-12 Earthwork and Paving contractor to move earthen material or risk fines from the Contractors State License Board.

CONSEQUENCES

CONTRACTING WITH A LICENSE

If performing work that affects streams and water crossings, you may face fines by the State Water Board in excess of \$10,000 per day.

CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE

If performing work without a license, you may be liable to additional state fines and penalties for unlicensed contracting in California:

FIRST OFFENSE

- Misdemeanor charges,
- Up to six months in jail,
- \$5,000 judicial fine,
- \$200 to \$15,000 administrative fine

SECOND OFFENSE

- Mandatory 90-day jail sentence,
 - 20 percent of contract price or \$5,000
- Illegal use of another contractor's license could result in felony charges and a state prison sentence, if convicted.

EARTHWORK AND PAVING CONTRACTORS

An earthwork and paving contractor digs, moves, and places soil (dirt) or other earthen material. Anyone who contracts to perform work on a project valued at \$500 or more for labor and materials must hold a valid license from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). Information on obtaining a license is available at www.cslb.ca.gov.

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