



State Water Resources Control Board

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION
Investigation ID: 70246

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS INVESTIGATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY
ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER (APN) 173-020-03-00, 171-240-04-00, 173-020-02-00, 171-260-07-00, 173-090-02-00, 173-100-03-00

Juana Jimenez,

On July 23, 2025, staff from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), in coordination with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), conducted a search warrant investigation of the property referenced above (Property). The purpose of the investigation was to observe the diversion and use of water occurring on the Property and to evaluate potential impacts to the watershed.

You are being contacted because you were identified as the property owner of the Mendocino County APN identified above where you are allegedly diverting and using water for cannabis cultivation.

During the investigation, Division staff observed California Water Code (WC) and State Water Board, Cannabis Cultivation Policy (Policy) violations. Enclosed is the Division's Inspection Report (Report) of your Property that includes Division staff observations, alleged violations and the corrective actions necessary for compliance with the WC and the State Water Board's Policy. The enclosed Report constitutes your notice of the alleged violations, and this matter requires your immediate attention. The information below is a summary of the alleged violations included in the Report.

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- Violation: WC section 5101 - Failure to File an Initial Statement of Water Diversion and Use (Statement) Page 18
- Violation: WC section 1052 – Unauthorized Diversion or Use of Water Page 19
- Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 1, Term 18 – Trespass Prohibited Page 23

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| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 66 – Failure to Comply with the Narrative and Numeric Instream Flow Requirements No. 4. The Surface Water Dry Season Forbearance Period. | Page 23 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 74 - Failure to Install a CDFW-Approved Water-Intake Screen | Page 25 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 77 – Failure to Follow Diversion Intake Condition Requirements | Page 25 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 82 - Failure to Install Water Measuring Device or Maintain Diversion Records | Page 26 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 92 - Water Storage Facility Without Device to Prevent Water Overflow | Page 27 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 93 - Failure to Secure Tank Openings to Prevent Entry and Entrapment of Wildlife. | Page 28 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 95 – Failure to Inspect and Immediately Repair Leaks in the Water Delivery System | Page 29 |
| Violation: Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 98 – Failure to Maintain Daily Records of Water Use for Cannabis Irrigation. | Page 29 |
| Violation: Diversion or Use of Water for Cannabis Cultivation without a Department of Cannabis Control License. | Page 30 |

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The State Water Board retains the authority and discretion to take enforcement action based on the facts and allegations contained herein and you may be subject to further enforcement action before the State Water Board. Therefore, this matter requires your immediate attention. You should follow all staff recommended corrective actions described in the enclosed Report or submit a response indicating any course of action you intend to take or have taken, including an implementation schedule, and/or photo documentation that demonstrates your compliance. To provide your response, documentation and photos, reference the instructions in the **Compliance Assistance References** section.

If you have questions concerning the Report, please contact me by phone at (916) 341-5410, or by email at Ryan.Babb@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence can be provided and addressed to the following address: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, Attention: Ryan Babb.

Sincerely,

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Division of Water Rights Inspection Report dated July 23, 2025

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