



State Water Resources Control Board

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Investigation ID: 70763

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS INVESTIGATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER (APN) 037-550-19-00 and 037-530-14-00

Julian Lee Adams,

On June 30, 2026, 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. On the date of inspection, Division staff determined that the source of water used on the property for cannabis cultivation was groundwater. Division staff also observed a surface water source on the Property.

This letter provides you with notice of the following California Water Code (WC) requirements if you were to establish a surface water diversion for other water uses like domestic use and fire protection:

1. If you divert water subject to the State Water Board's permitting authority without a valid basis of right on file with the State Water Board, your diversion may be an unauthorized diversion or use of water. An unauthorized diversion or use of water constitutes a trespass against the State, and the State Water Board may impose civil liability in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the unauthorized diversion or use of water occurs. (WC § 1052, et seq.)

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2. WC sections 5101 require the following: *“Each, after December 31, 1965, diverts water shall file with board prior to July 1 of the succeeding year, a statement of his or her diversion and use...”*

If you begin to divert water from any stream, a Statement must be filed prior to July 1 of the succeeding year. The State Water Board may administratively impose a civil liability in the amount of \$2,000 for the failure to file a Statement for each point of diversion that has occurred since 2009, plus \$800 per day for each additional day on which the violation continues if the person fails to file a Statement within 30 days after the State Water Board calls the violation to the attention of that person pursuant to WC section 5107(c)(1).

3. If you intend to divert water from a stream on or adjacent to your property, you must file for an appropriative water right, such as a Small Domestic Use Registration (SIUR) or submit an application to appropriate water by permit. Failure to file for an appropriative water right can be a violation of the State Water Board's Policy.

You may be civilly liable for violations of the Water Code in the event you divert water for your use without a water right or statement on file.

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 second notice of the alleged violations, and this matter requires your immediate attention. The first notice of violation was left with a copy of the search warrant on June 30, 2026, and detailed WC and Policy violations and corresponding corrective actions (Photo 22).

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, include an implementation schedule, and/or photo documentation that demonstrates your compliance. You can submit supporting documentation directly to Division staff as described at the end of this Report in the **Compliance Assistance References section**.

If you have questions concerning the Report, please contact me by phone at (916) 917-3867, or by email at zyruss.edjan@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 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, Attention: Zyruss Edjan.

Sincerely,

Zyruss Edjan

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Enclosures:

Division of Water Rights Inspection Report dated June 30, 2026

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