



Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Cannabis Fees Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who do I make payment to?

SWRCB

2. Where do I mail the payment?

Attn: Water Quality Fees
SWRCB Accounting
P.O. Box 1888
Sacramento, CA 95812-1888

3. Can I get a receipt for payment?

Upon request, we can provide \$0 balance invoices as proof of payment. Please contact the Cannabis Fees Unit (see contact information below)

4. What are the available methods of payment?

You can pay by check, cashier's check, money order, cash (see question 5), credit card (see question 6) or ACH (debit transfer). We do not have an option to pay by phone.

Please visit https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/make_a_payment/ for information.

Always include the facility ID and invoice number on each check, cashier's check or money order so your payment can be properly applied to the correct invoice

5. How do I make a cash payment?

Cash payments require an appointment at the Sacramento CalEPA building. Please call (916) 341-5021 to schedule an appointment. Please allow 48 hours of advance notice.

6. Can I pay using a credit card?

Yes! Please visit https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/make_a_payment/ for more information

7. I'm making a credit card payment. Why won't my payment go through?

If making an invoice payment, please ensure there are no dashes or spaces. (example: WD0156478)

If making a Waste Discharge Requirement application payment, include the letters BA before the 6-digit number (example: BA410587)

8. Can I pay multiple invoices with one check?

Yes. You must indicate the invoice numbers on the check, cashier's check, or money order.

9. How long do I need to wait before checking the status of my payment?

Please allow two weeks from the date of receipt for the State Water Board to process and post your payment. You may look up information on current and previous invoices, including payment status, on our Permit Fee Invoice Information search site:

<https://public3.waterboards.ca.gov/infofees/faces/invoiceSearch.xhtml>.

10. What is the State Water Resources Control Board's Taxpayer ID number?

The State Water Board's tax ID # is 68-0281986. To request a W-9, please contact the Cannabis Fees Unit at CannabisFees@waterboards.ca.gov

11. Why did I get an invoice?

An annual WDR invoice is sent to any person/entity who is enrolled in or permitted by a WDR order. The fee is assessed for the privilege of discharging waste that may affect the state's surface or ground water. California Water Code sections 13260 and 13269 allow the State Water Board to collect a fee to recover costs associated with the issuance, administration, reviewing, monitoring and enforcement of WDRs or waivers of WDRs.

12. How is the fee determined?

Under the Statewide General Order, the fee is based on the size of the disturbed area (designated by tier) and the risk to water quality (which is based on slope and proximity to a water body).

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2019/wqo2019_0001_dwq.pdf

See the annual fee schedule posted on the Fee Branch website (<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/>).

13. My county banned cannabis cultivation, but I received an invoice. Am I responsible for the invoice?

The fee is a requirement of the permit. You must pay an annual fee if your WDR order remains in effect. Please contact the Regional Board to discuss the permit requirements and whether the order needs to remain in place or if it should be terminated.

14. I sold my operation. Shouldn't the new owner be responsible for the invoice?

Not necessarily. If you sold your operation, state law requires you to notify the regulating Regional Board in writing. Under law, the new owner must also notify the Regional Board that they are taking over responsibility for compliance with the WDR order. The State Water Board is required to invoice the discharger named in the WDR order and who is responsible for payment of the fee until the Regional Board transfers or reissues the WDR order.

15. What do I do if the invoice does not belong to me?

Notify the Regional Board that the invoice does not belong to you. Please see Regional Board Contact list below.

16. Is a fee still required if I am not discharging?

Yes. The fee is a requirement of the permit and is not based on the frequency or duration of your discharge. Since your WDR order allows you to discharge waste as specified, you must pay an annual fee as long as your WDR order remains in effect. You are required to report any material changes in your discharge to the Regional Board (contact information at the end of FAQ sheet).

17. I will stop discharging mid-year. Will my fees be pro-rated?

No. WDR fees are not pro-rated. To prevent future fiscal year invoices from being generated, please submit a notice of termination request to the Regional Board by June 30th.

18. How do I terminate my permit?

If you are no longer discharging and think you should not be assessed future fees, you must notify the Regional Board immediately (contact information at the end of FAQ sheet). As appropriate and after you have complied with all laws and permit conditions, the Regional Board may determine that your WDR order can be rescinded. If rescinded, you will not be assessed future fees but you may still be required to pay current and past annual WDR fees.

19. Is interest accrued or is there a late penalty fee incurred on late payments?

The State Water Board does not assess interest or late payment fees to Waste Discharge Requirement annual permit fees. However, if a notice of violation is associated with the site, late fees and penalties may be assessed in an enforcement action. Moreover, outstanding fees will be considered delinquent 30 days after the date of the invoice. Balances that remain outstanding 90 days past the date of the original invoice will be turned over to an outside collection agency.

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State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Fees Contact Information

Email: CannabisFees@waterboards.ca.gov

Phone: (916) 323-0341

Website: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/>

Regional Board Cannabis Fees Contact Information

For questions about your permit (change of ownership, notice of termination, etc), contact the appropriate Regional Board:

Region	Phone Number and/or email
1	(707) 576-2676 NorthCoast.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
2	(510) 622-2332 SanFranciscoBay.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
3	(805) 594-6194 CentralCoast.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
4	(951) 782-4130 LosAngeles.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
5F	(916) 464- 3291 CentralValleySacramento@waterboards.ca.gov
5R	(530) 224-4845 CentralValley.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
5S	(916) 464-3291 CentralValley.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
6 and 7	(530) 542-5400 Lahontan.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov (R6) ColoradoRiver.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov (R7)
8	(951) 782-4130 SantaAna.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
9	(951) 782-4130 SanDiego.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov