



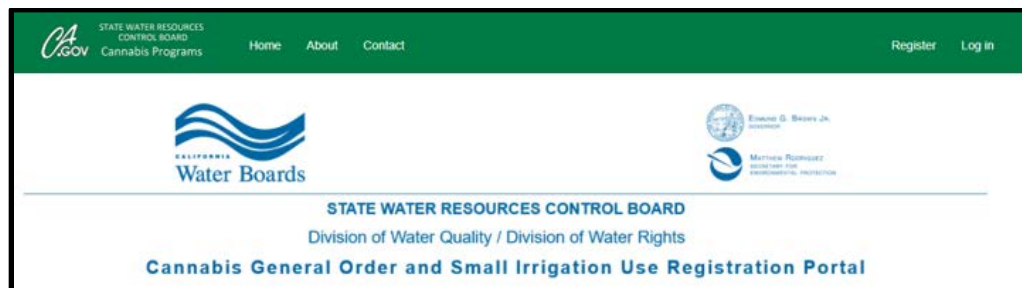
Fact Sheet

Cannabis Regulatory Programs Online Portal

On October 17, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the *Cannabis Cultivation Policy* (Cannabis Policy) and *General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities* (Cannabis General Order). The Cannabis Policy and Cannabis General Order include requirements to reduce impacts of waste discharges and surface water diversions associated with cannabis cultivation. Cannabis cultivators will be able to enroll under the Cannabis General Order and obtain water rights under the Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration (SIUR) Program, if needed, using the online Cannabis Regulatory Programs Portal. The Cannabis SIUR Program is a streamlined option to obtain an appropriate water right to divert surface water to irrigate commercial cannabis crops.

The Portal may be accessed at the following website (you will be required to establish an account to log in and start an application):

<https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/cgo>



State Water Board Contact Information

State Water Board staff is available to help with questions you may have about the Cannabis Policy, Cannabis General Order, and water rights that are unique to your cultivation site. We are also available to help answering questions about the Cannabis Regulatory Program Portal.

Water Board Cannabis Cultivation Webpage: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cannabis/>

Cannabis General Order Questions

If you have questions about the Cannabis General Order, please contact the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality:

DWQ.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov or
(916) 341-5580



Water Rights Questions (Small Irrigation Use Registrations)

If you have questions regarding water rights and the Small Irrigation Use Registration Program, please contact the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights, Cannabis Registration Unit:

cannabisreg@waterboards.ca.gov or
(916) 319-9427

Subscribe to the Cannabis Cultivator's Email List

Subscribe to our email list for State Water Board cannabis regulatory program updates (choose the Cannabis Cultivators email list):

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

Additional Resources

The following websites have additional information regarding ongoing State Water Board efforts related to commercial cannabis cultivation:

- **State Water Board, Division of Water Rights** – Responsible for administering water rights for all surface water diversions, as well as diversions from groundwater and all springs for the purpose of commercial cannabis cultivation. Website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cannabis/cannabis_water_rights.shtml
- **State Water Board, Division of Water Quality and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards** – Responsible for addressing potential water quality impacts from cannabis cultivation and associated activities on private property. Website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cannabis/cannabis_water_quality.shtml

Regional Boards Map: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.html

Tips for Getting Started with the Cannabis Regulatory Programs Portal

Please make sure you have the following before beginning the Cannabis Regulatory Program Portal:

- Reliable high speed internet connection
- Contact information for cultivators, diverters, property/landowners, and agents;

1. All existing water right numbers (Small Domestic Registration, Initial Statement of Diversion and Use, Permit, License, etc.) or other water right information;
2. Point of Diversion (POD) and Water source information (Name, Location, stream characteristics, etc.);
3. Place of Use (POU) information (APN, parcel acreage, cultivation acreage, non-cannabis irrigation acreage, number of plants);
4. Diversion works information (method and conveyance specifics);
5. Information on water use for cannabis plants (gallons or acre feet), the planned number of irrigation days, and irrigation rate;
6. Planned water use amounts for any incidental uses (aesthetic, fire protection, recreational, or fish and wildlife) in gallons per year and a justification for the amount;
7. Offstream storage information such as number of existing tanks/bladders, number of proposed tanks/bladders, existing capacity, and proposed capacity;
8. Project description (area to be graded, diversion operation, and complete or proposed project features);
9. Project Completion Schedule

Cannabis General Order Items

10. Status if currently enrolled in General Waiver R1-2015-0023 or General Order R5-2015-0113. Note: You are still required to have a valid water source (such as a small irrigation use registration) even if you are currently enrolled in the existing Regional Water Quality Control Board programs and are not planning to enroll under the Cannabis General Order until a later time.
11. Size of cultivation area and disturbed area (in square feet);
12. Site information, including site location, slope of disturbed area and setback distances;

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