
State Water Resources Control Board

Public Notice for Renewal of the Cannabis General Water Quality Certification for Activities Complying with the Cannabis Cultivation Policy

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Water Boards Cannabis Cultivation Program

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Affected Counties: Statewide

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is hereby providing notice that it intends to renew the Cannabis General Water Quality Certification (general certification) for activities complying with the State Water Board's [Cannabis Cultivation Policy – Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation](#) (Cannabis Policy) pursuant to California Water Code section 13160 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3861. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3861 subd. (c)(2), requires public notice at least forty-five (45) days before issuing a renewal of the general certification.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Cannabis Policy was adopted by the State Water Board on February 5, 2019, and approved by the Office of Administrative Law on April 16, 2019. The general certification was adopted by the State Water Board as a component of the Cannabis Policy. The current iteration of the general certification in the Cannabis Policy expires five years from its effective date (i.e., expires on April 16, 2024). The State Water Board Executive Director intends to issue a renewal of the general certification prior to its expiration. No substantive changes to the general certification are proposed.

The State Water Board intends to renew the general certification in light of the findings contained in the Cannabis Policy, including but not limited to those contained in pages 30 to 55 of the [Cannabis Cultivation Policy Staff Report \(2019\)](#). The State Water Board finds that activities encompassed within the term “cannabis cultivation” as defined in Attachment A of the Cannabis Policy involve the same or similar types of discharges and possible adverse impacts requiring the same or similar certification conditions or limitations to alleviate potential adverse impacts to water quality.

COMMENTS

Staff will consider all written comments received during the 45-day period beginning on the date of this notice (January 10, 2024) and ending at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on February 24, 2024. Electronic submittal of comments is strongly encouraged.

Electronic comments: Comments may be submitted electronically via email with the subject line “**Comment Letter – Cannabis Water Quality Certification Renewal.**” Comments should be sent to Dainel Schultz via e-mail to:

CannabisWR@waterboards.ca.gov.

Hard copy comments: If unable to submit comments electronically, please mail comments to the address below, noting that all comments must be received by the comment deadline.

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Click the “[Subscribe directly to the Cannabis Cultivators Email List](#)” button on the Water Boards [Cannabis Cultivation Program Webpage](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cannabis/).

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