

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

WAIVER FORM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT

By signing this waiver, I affirm and acknowledge the following:

I am duly authorized to represent Michael Harding (hereinafter, Respondent) in connection with Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2025-0022 (Complaint). I am informed that California Water Code section 13323, subdivision (b), states that, “a hearing before the regional board shall be conducted within 90 days after the party has been served with the complaint. The person(s) who have been issued a complaint may waive the right to a hearing.”

☐ **OPTION 1: Check here if the Respondent waives the hearing requirement and will pay the liability in full.**

- a. I hereby waive any right the Respondent may have to a hearing before the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (North Coast Water Board).
- b. I certify that the Respondent will remit payment for the proposed civil liability in the full amount of **sixty-six thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$66,468.75)** by submitting a check that references “ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0022” made payable to the “State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account” and mailed to Attn: ACL Payment Accounting Office, P.O. Box 1888, Sacramento, California, 95812-1888, with a copy of the check sent to the North Coast Water Board at northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov within 30 days from the date on which this waiver is executed.
- c. I understand the payment of the above amount constitutes a proposed settlement of the Complaint, and that any settlement will not become final until after a 30-day public notice and comment period. Should the North Coast Water Board receive significant new information or comments from any source (excluding the North Coast Water Board’s Prosecution Team) during this comment period, the North Coast Water Board’s Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the Complaint, return payment, and issue a new Complaint. I understand that this proposed settlement is subject to approval by the North Coast Water Board, and that the North Coast Water Board may consider this proposed settlement in a public meeting or hearing. I also understand that approval of the settlement will result in the Respondent having waived the right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and the imposition of civil liability.

- d. I understand that payment of the above amount is not a substitute for compliance with applicable laws and that continuing violations of the type alleged in the Complaint may subject the Respondent to further enforcement, including additional civil liability.

☐ ***OPTION 2: Check here if the Respondent waives the 90-day hearing requirement in order to extend the hearing date and/or hearing deadlines. Attach a separate sheet with the amount of additional time requested and the rationale.***

- a. I hereby waive any right the Respondent may have to a hearing before the North Coast Water Board within 90 days after service of the Complaint. By checking this box, the Respondent requests that the North Coast Water Board delay the hearing and/or hearing deadlines so that the Respondent may have additional time to prepare for the hearing or otherwise resolve this matter including through settlement discussions with the Prosecution Team. I understand that it remains within the discretion of the North Coast Water Board to approve the extension.

Michael Harding or Authorized Representative

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)