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Native American Culture Beneficial Uses in the North Coast Region

Michelle Fuller

The North Coast Water Board adopted the fiscal years 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan as part of the 2023 Triennial Review. This workplan included the Native American Culture Beneficial Uses project. Some of the goals of this project are to ensure the beneficial use definition(s) in the Basin Plan reflect the water quality needs of California Native American Tribes in the North Coast Region and to identify waterbodies across the North Coast Region with existing and/or potential Native American cultural uses and to designate those waterbodies in the Basin Plan as appropriate.

The North Coast Basin Plan was the first in the state to include a beneficial use recognizing unique uses of water by California Native American Tribes. In 2003, responding to requests from Tribes in the region, the North Coast Water Board approved a Basin Plan amendment adopting the Native American Culture (CUL) beneficial use definition and designated 28 individually named waterbody segments as well as general designations for groundwater, minor coastal streams, freshwater and saline wetlands, estuaries, and bays. Table 2-1 in the Basin Plan identifies where CUL has been designated as existing (E) or potential (P). Existing and potential beneficial uses are afforded the same protections. Additionally, under the Clean Water Act, existing uses must be protected - even if they have not been designated to specific waters in water quality control plans (40 CFR §131.12(a)(1)).

The North Coast Water Board has successfully applied the CUL beneficial use definition and designations for water quality protection in the North Coast Region. In 2010, the *Action Plan for the Klamath River Total Maximum Daily Loads Addressing Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, Nutrient and*

Microcystin Impairments in the Klamath River in California cited the impaired Native American Culture beneficial use as the basis upon which to establish water quality targets necessary to protect and support sacred tribal ceremonies, tribal dependence upon Klamath fisheries, aquatic plants used for basket weaving, and other cultural practices.

The North Coast Water Board has received several requests for additional designations of the Native American Culture beneficial use. There is also statewide momentum to designate tribal beneficial uses in all Water Board regions. North Coast Water Board staff are collaborating with the State Water Board as they develop guidance for a designation process, and plan to participate in any future State Water Board workshop(s) on Tribal Beneficial Uses.

North Coast Water Board staff sent letters inviting formal consultation meetings and have had some productive initial discussions with Tribes as a first step in discussing the Basin Plan amendment process and understanding Tribal needs and perspectives. There have been good discussions about how beneficial uses are protected generally, as well as what activities could be protected with additional CUL designations. This year, project staff will continue these meetings, and welcome new conversations with Tribes that have not participated yet. The North Coast Water Board staff are seeking to understand all tribal water quality needs and concerns, as well as information specific to the Native American Culture Beneficial Uses project.

Some upcoming project milestones are listed below:

Milestone	Timeline
Formal Tribal Consultation	Open/Ongoing
Meetings with Tribal Staff	Open/Ongoing
North Coast Water Board Staff Level Workshops on beneficial use definitions and designation process	2026
Solicit new waterbody designation requests	2027

For additional information and updates, please see the [project webpage](https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/nacbu/) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/nacbu/), and sign up for the [Native American Culture Beneficial Uses project email subscription list](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast).



Klamath River Overlook, where the mouth of Klamath River flows into the Pacific Ocean



North Coast Water Board Freshwater Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring & Response Program End of Year Summary 2025

Mike Thomas

Overview

Freshwater harmful algal blooms (FHABs) are dense proliferations of planktonic (floating) and/or benthic (attached) cyanobacteria capable of producing cyanotoxins that impact human and animal health. In 2025, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (North Coast Water Board) FHAB Program recommended 35 public health alert postings on rivers and lakes within the Region (Table 1). For more information on the locations of regional postings, see the California Water Quality Monitoring Council's FHAB [Reports Map](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/reports-map/) (<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/reports-map/>). These planktonic and benthic FHAB postings are discussed in more detail below.

Table 1. Number of planktonic and benthic postings in the North Coast Region, 2025.

Report Type	Planktonic Postings			Benthic Postings
	Caution	Warning	Danger	Toxic Algae Alert
Routine Monitoring	6	2	1	5
Pre-Holiday Assessment	2	1	0	2
Incident Response	4	0	1	6
Studies & Research	0	0	0	5
Total	12	3	2	18

See the California Water Quality Monitoring Council's FHAB [Response Guidance](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/response-guidance.html) (<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/response-guidance.html>) for more information on posting protocols.

In addition to responding to FHAB reports, North Coast Water Board staff worked with partners on other FHAB-related matters including routine monitoring; performing pre-holiday water quality assessments; conducting studies and research; reporting and presenting study findings; providing FHAB program trainings; and assisting partners in developing their monitoring programs. Staff worked with various partners including Blue Lake and Big Lagoon Rancherias; Karuk, Yurok, Hoopa, Pulikla, Wiyot, and Cahto Tribes; Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians; Quartz Valley Indian Reservation (QVIR); Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties; and the Klamath Basin Monitoring Program, US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), US Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife, Sonoma Water, and Pacific Gas & Electric.

Routine & Partner Monitoring

Routine monitoring was conducted for three waterbodies:

- *Big Lagoon* – biweekly planktonic monitoring by Big Lagoon Rancheria for a common class of cyanotoxins called microcystins and analyzed by USEPA. Monitoring resulted in Caution, Warning, and Danger posting recommendations.
- [Klamath Basin](https://kbmp.net/maps-data/blue-green-algae-tracker) (https://kbmp.net/maps-data/blue-green-algae-tracker) – biweekly to monthly planktonic monitoring for microcystins by Hoopa, Karuk, Yurok, and Pulikla Tribes and analyzed by USEPA. North Coast Water Board staff also coordinated with the Tribal Consortium, including QVIR, to conduct tiered monitoring for benthic cyanobacteria at 12 stations from July through November in the Klamath, Salmon, Scott, and Trinity Rivers as well as Kidder Creek (see links in Reports section for more information on tiered monitoring). Monitoring resulted in five Toxic Algae Alert posting recommendations.
- *Russian River* – tiered benthic monitoring by Sonoma County at recreational beaches, and four stations monitored for cyanobacteria by Sonoma Water. Monitoring resulted in two Toxic Algae Alert posting recommendations.

Pre-Holiday Assessments

North Coast Water Board staff and partners collected water grab or algal mat samples from popular recreational lakes and rivers to inform visitors of waterbody conditions prior to major holiday weekends (Table 2). For more information on pre-holiday assessments and partner participation, see [FHAB Wiki Page](https://sites.google.com/view/fhab-program-wiki/pre-holiday-assessment) (https://sites.google.com/view/fhab-program-wiki/pre-holiday-assessment).

Table 2. FHAB waterbody posting status following pre-holiday assessments, 2025.

Waterbody	Memorial Day	Fourth of July	Labor Day	Post-Holiday
Lake Mendocino		Awareness	Caution	Awareness
Lake Pillsbury	No Advisory	Awareness	Caution	Warning
Lewiston Reservoir		No Advisory	No Advisory	No Advisory
Ruth Lake		No Advisory	No Advisory	No Advisory
Salmon Creek	Toxic Algae	Toxic Algae	Toxic Algae	Toxic Algae
Stone Lagoon	No Advisory	No Advisory	No Advisory	No Advisory
Trinity Lake		No Advisory	No Advisory	No Advisory

Incident Response & Illnesses

North Coast Water Board staff received reports of three human illnesses, two dog deaths, and one fish illness in 2025 (Table 3). Reports of illnesses are referred to the State Illness Workgroup who determines if the incident is related to FHABs. All reports were determined not to be FHAB-related except for one dog death where environmental data supported the FHAB event. See the California Water Quality Monitoring Council's FHAB [Illness Tracking webpage](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/illness-tracking.html) (https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/illness-tracking.html) for more information.

Table 3. FHAB reports of human, dog, and fish illnesses, 2025.

Illness Type	Waterbody	Status
Human illness	South Fork Eel River	Not FHAB-related; environmental observations suggest other waterborne factors
Human illness	South Fork Eel River	Not FHAB-related; environmental observations suggest other waterborne factors
Human illness	Mad River	Not FHAB-related; insufficient information and could not contact reporting party
Dog death	Lake Mendocino	Not FHAB-related; insufficient environmental data to support FHAB event
Dog death	South Fork Eel River	FHAB-related; environmental data support FHAB event; reported to federal database
Fish illness	East Fork Russian River	Not FHAB related

Studies & Research

The following studies and research were conducted in 2025:

- North Coast Water Board staff co-led the California Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Bloom (CCHAB) Network Benthic Subcommittee, which completed and released revised statewide [guidance for benthic cyanobacterial blooms](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/response-guidance.html#benthic-cyanobacteria) (<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/response-guidance.html#benthic-cyanobacteria>) based largely on the results of North Coast special studies.
- North Coast Water Board staff participated in State Board FHAB Program's special study to compare California's new [benthic cyanobacteria sampling protocols](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/cyanohab/docs/toxic-algal-mats-guidance-appendix-a.pdf) (<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/cyanohab/docs/toxic-algal-mats-guidance-appendix-a.pdf>) to draft USEPA and other state protocols.

Reports, Presentations, & Trainings

RB1 provided the following reports, presentations, and trainings in 2025:

- Benthic Monitoring in the North Coast Region. Presentation to Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma Tribal Environmental Program (MLSTEP), February 2025.
- [Implementation of a Benthic Cyanobacteria Tiered Monitoring Program for Public Health Protection in Northern California Rivers](https://www.epa.gov/habs/benthic-hab-discussion-march-17-2025) (<https://www.epa.gov/habs/benthic-hab-discussion-march-17-2025>). Presentation to the USEPA Benthic HABs Discussion Group, March 2025.
- [California Benthic Harmful Cyanobacteria Bloom Guidance](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/cyanohab/docs/toxic-algal-mats-guidance-short.pdf) (<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/cyanohab/docs/toxic-algal-mats-guidance-short.pdf>). Benthic Subcommittee, California Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Bloom Network, California Water Quality Monitoring Council, Sacramento, CA, 2025. Prepared by C Nilson, M VanDyke, M Thomas, R Fadness, and J Smith.
- FHAB Training for Tribal Consortium in Klamath Basin. Field Training, July 2025.

- [Implementation of a Benthic Cyanobacteria Tiered Monitoring Program](https://www.bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov/harmful-algal-blooms-hab-training/) (<https://www.bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov/harmful-algal-blooms-hab-training/>). Presentation and Field Demonstration for Blue Lake Rancheria Harmful Algal Bloom Training, July 2025.
- [FHAB Virtual Training for Partners in the North Coast Region](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/swamp/media/GMT20240807-170335_Recording_1920x1080.mp4) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/swamp/media/GMT20240807-170335_Recording_1920x1080.mp4) Virtual Training, August 2025.
- FHAB Field Trainings in the Scott, South Fork Eel, and East Fork Russian Rivers. Field Trainings, August 2025.
- Overview of Agency, Programs, and Projects. Presentation for Sonoma State University, October 2025.
- Predicting taxon-specific benthic cyanobacterial mat cover and anatoxin concentrations in northern California rivers. Ecological Applications (in review). Prepared by Z Jordan, T Elliot, M Hickey, K Bouma-Gregson, G Boyer, R Fadness, L Genzoli, R Goel, G Johnson, R Shriver, R Stancheva, M Thomas, Z Triumph, and J. Blaszcak.
- Tiered Monitoring for Benthic Cyanobacteria in the Klamath Basin, 2025. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Rosa, CA (in review). Prepared by M Thomas.

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Enforcement Report for February 2026 Executive Officer's Report

Monica Bueno

Summary of Enforcement Actions issued between **November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**

Throughout the year, with support from the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement (OE), North Coast Water Board staff (Staff) develop and manage enforcement cases starting informally through direct correspondence including issuing Notices of Violations (NOVs) and pursuing a progressive enforcement approach that results in formal enforcement actions such as Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs), and Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints. Once Staff determine that an enforcement action will result in the issuance of an ACL Complaint, the Enforcement Team prepares supporting evidence and provides the discharger(s) an opportunity to discuss the facts relating to the violations, including the option of settlement.

Table 1 summarizes NOVs and Staff Enforcement Letters. Table 2 summarizes CAOs, Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), regulatory directives, and No Further Action Letters (NFAs). Table 3 summarizes proposed and adopted CDOs and Time Schedule Orders (TSOs) as well as ACL Complaints, ACL Orders, settlement negotiations pending the adoption of a final Stipulated ACL Order, and the status of Compliance Projects (CPs) and Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs).

During this reporting period:

- Regional Water Board staff issued nineteen (19) NOVs and one (1) Investigative Order.
- Staff continued settlement negotiations with dischargers on six (6) cases.
- The Regional Water Board granted deadline extensions to two (2) Cleanup and Abatement Orders.
- The Regional Water Board adopted one (1) ACL.

Table notes and other acronyms:

Basin Plan	Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region
CSD	Community Services District
WPCAA	Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account
MMPs	Mandatory Minimum Penalties
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
WDRs	Waste Discharge Requirements

Table 1. NOVs and Staff Enforcement Letters Issued Between November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
To view and download NOVs and other enforcement actions, go to:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html

Select Interactive Violation Reports > select Display Results > select Date Range (of violation or action) > select Run Report. Then select the linked violations next to the region and select the facility of interest below the Facility column. NOVs can be found under the Enforcement Action drop-down menu and are often hyperlinked as "null". **Select null to download an NOV.**

For Groundwater Cleanups go to [GeoTracker](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Search the facility by name or address > select facility from the dropdown menu > select Regulatory Activities > within Regulatory Activities Action Type Filter select enforcement/orders.

If you have any questions on this database or current enforcement actions within the North Coast Region, please contact North Coast Water Board Enforcement Coordinator Jeremiah Puget at Jeremiah.Puget@waterboards.ca.gov or 707-576-2835.

Facility Name	Agency	City	County	Program	Action Date	Reg Meas ID
Andrade, Margarita Property	Andrade, Margarita	Covelo	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/7/2025	463242
Bonus Entertainment LLC and Tooby Ranch Farm for combined WQC	Dylan Carr	Garberville	Humboldt	Cannabis	12/11/2025	463636
Chang Her and Blia Her Property	Chang Her and Blia Her	Mad River	Trinity	Cannabis	11/24/2025	462801
CDF Trinity River Conservation Camp STP	Ca Dept of Forestry CalFire Shasta-Trinity HQ	Lewiston	Trinity	Municipal Wastewater	11/10/2025	463274
Eyal Rifer Property	Rifer, Eyal	Ukiah	Mendocino	Cannabis	12/2/2025	462201
Garberville County Yard	Humboldt County Dept of Public Works	Garberville	Humboldt	Nonpoint Source (5C Road Management)	12/19/2025	463690
Hunter	Kocka LLC	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	12/3/2025	463519
Janeth, Alvarado, Property	Janeth, Alvarado	Potter Valley	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/17/2025	463350
JORGE SANCHEZ HERRERA Property	HERRERA, JORGE SANCHEZ	DOS RIOS	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/18/2025	463363
Kurnishon LLC	Kurnishon LLC		Humboldt	Cannabis	12/18/2025	463673
Lopez Flores, Guillermo Property	Lopez Flores, Guillermo	Laytonville	Mendocino	Cannabis	12/4/2025	463568

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Facility Name	Agency	City	County	Program	Action Date	Reg Meas ID
Mad River Family Farms LLC	Meghan Moody	Mad River	Humboldt	Cannabis	12/29/2025	463738
Martinez Garcia, Pedro Property	Martinez Garcia, Pedro	Laytonville	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/20/2025	463388
Mendocino County APN 056-350-20	Zavala, Xavier	Laytonville	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/20/2025	463387
Nativa Gardens, LLC and Tooby Ranch Farm	Dylan Carr	Garberville	Humboldt	Cannabis	12/11/2025	463636
Ortis Reyna, Asael Property	Ortis Reyna, Asael	Laytonville	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/20/2025	463389
Phase II Small MS4	Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park	Sonoma	Municipal Wastewater	11/14/2025	S467672
Stevens, Ronald Property	Stevens, Ronald	Potter Valley	Mendocino	Cannabis	11/17/2025	463356
Tommy Cheng Property	Tommy Cheng	Mad River	Trinity	Cannabis	11/7/2025	462736
Tooby Ranch Farm	Dylan Carr	Garberville	Humboldt	Cannabis	12/11/2025	463636
Tyler Meenan	Meenan, Tyler		Humboldt	Cannabis	12/29/2025	463737

Figure 1: NOVs Issued Between November 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025

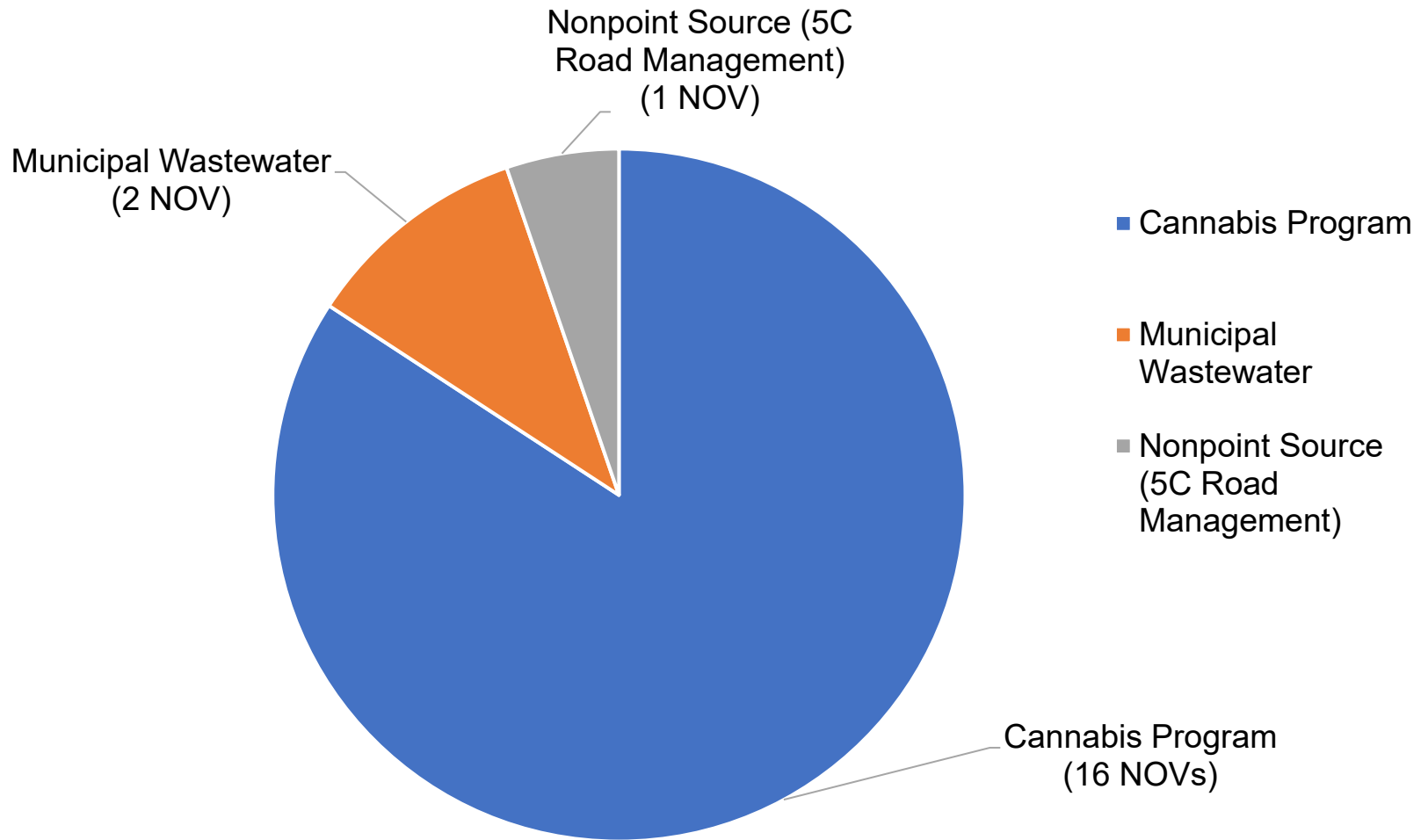


Figure 2: Cannabis NOVs Issued Between November 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025 by County

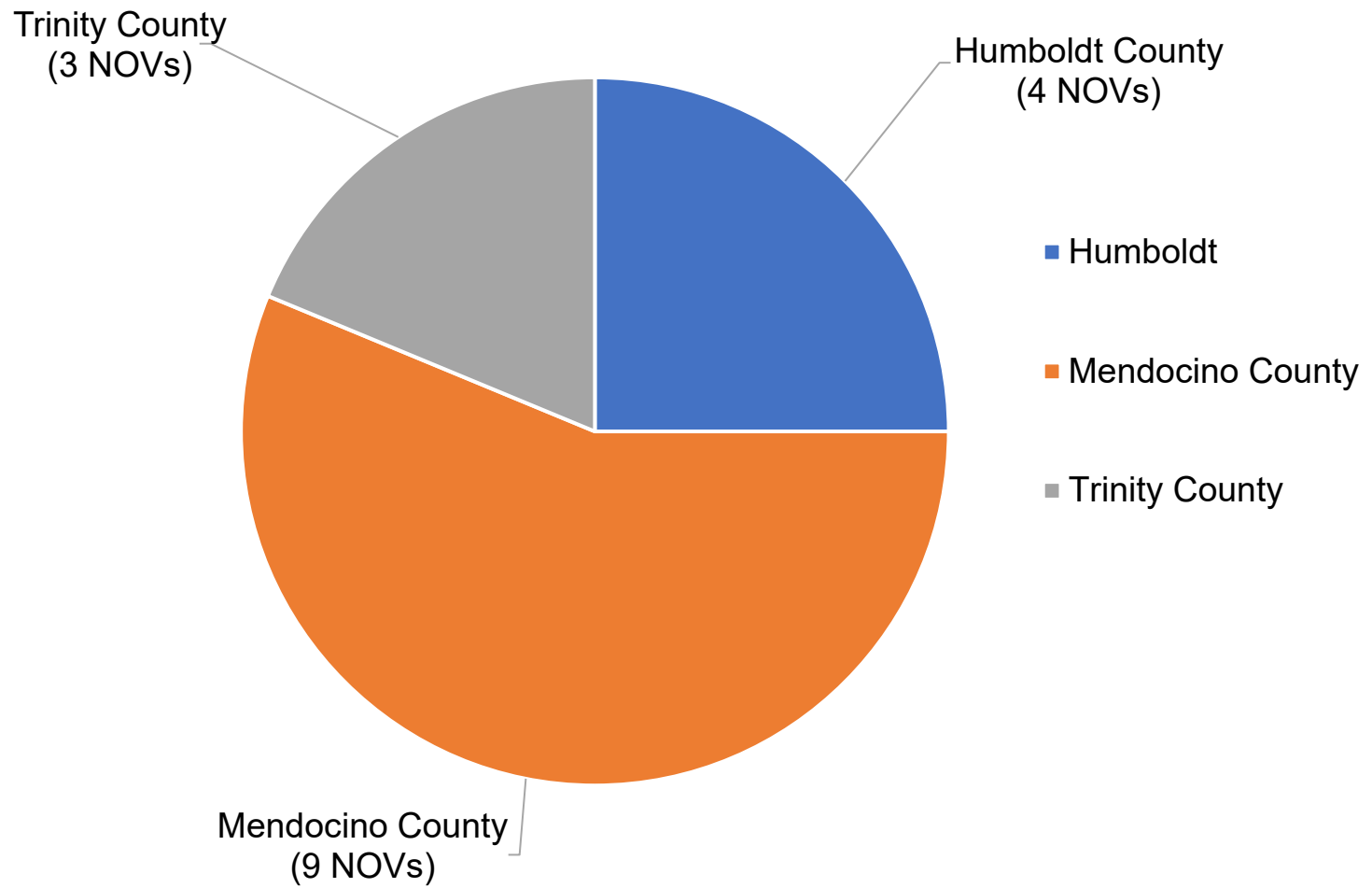


Table 2.

Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Compliance Notices & Directives, Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), and No Further Action Letters (NFA) Issued Between November 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025

Date Issued	Action	Owner/ Operator Name	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
11/26/2025	Investigative Order	Humboldt Sawmill Company	Humboldt	Eel River	Stormwater	Order R1-2025-0057. This Order retains, in part, 2023 Investigative Order requirements to monitor, analyze, and report all discharges from the Scotia Sawmill and Cogeneration Plant (Facility) from monitoring locations identified in the Facility's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) but at a reduced frequency than that specified in the 2023 Investigative Order. This 2025 Order also requires new receiving water monitoring requirements to evaluate compliance with the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities Order 2014-0057-DWQ (Industrial General Permit) and whether the discharge has the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards in the vicinity of the regulated discharge.

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Date Issued	Action	Owner/ Operator Name	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
11/17/2025	Cleanup and Abatement Order – Deadline Extension	Laurence Istas, Yesenia Carrillo, and Raul Carrillo	Mendocino	Eel River	Cannabis	<p>Staff observed refuse discharged to land where it threatens to be transported to receiving watercourses; controllable sediment sources associated with a road ford; constructed earthen pads; poorly designed roads and culverted stream crossings from where sediment has discharged and threatens to discharge to receiving watercourses that have exceeded their capacity for fine sediment; cannabis cultivation waste discharged and threatening to discharge into watercourses; unauthorized dredge and fill in a watercourse and suspected wetlands to facilitate the unauthorized diversion of surface water.</p> <p>The deadline for CAO No. R1-2024-0033 to submit a Cleanup, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan (Required Action No. 4) and the deadline to complete the cleanup and restoration (Required Action No. 6) have been extended from March 31, 2025 and October 15, 2025, by one year, to March 31, 2026 and October 15, 2026, respectively</p>

Table 3.

**Time Schedule Orders (TSOs), Cease and Desist Order (CDOs), Administrative Civil Liability (ACLs),
Stipulated Orders, and Settlement Discussions (Underway or Completed)**

Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of December 31, 2025 ¹
Margarita Andrade	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2025-0016 Required Actions Nos. 1 through 4 by April 30, 2025.	\$25,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0042 issued September 8, 2025. Violation period: June 3, 2025, through June 8, 2025.	Staff determined that the Discharger has substantially complied with the CAO. Staff continue to work with the Discharger to resolve remaining violations. This ACLC was withdrawn on October 9, 2025 and staff continue to oversee the remaining compliance issues. This matter is ongoing.

¹ Public hearing notices on pending enforcement actions can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/enforcement_hearings/.

More information on ACL Complaints and ACL Orders can be found online at the Regional Water Boards Adopted Orders Page: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/ or at the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Public Reports Portal: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html].

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of December 31, 2025 ¹
Aaron Lieberman	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0047 Required Action No. 1 submittal of a CRMP by November 8, 2024.	\$55,176	ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0033 issued September 8, 2025. Violation Period: November 9, 2024, through May 23, 2025.	The Discharger has entered into confidential settlement negotiations. At the request of the prosecution team, the Regional Water Board chair has agreed to postpone the hearing to allow the parties more time to through the details of the settlement in principle.
Crescent City WWTF	Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$228,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0034 issued August 26, 2025. Violation Period: January 1, 2024, through August 1, 2025	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.
Fort Bragg City WWTP	Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$48,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0023 issued on June 17, 2025. Violation Period: March 15, 2023, to May 1, 2025.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of December 31, 2025 ¹
Harding	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0054 Required Action Nos. 1 and 2 submittals of a CRW by November 17, 2024, and a CRMP by April 15, 2025.	\$66,469	ACL Compliant No. R1-2025-0022 issued on May 16, 2025. Violation 1 Period: November 18, 2024, to April 15, 2025. Violation 2 Period: April 16, 2025, to May 1, 2025.	The Regional Water Board held a hearing on this complaint during the Board meeting on August 14, 2025 and adopted ACL Order R1-2025-0031. The Discharger has not responded and was not present at the hearing.
Carrillo	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0034 Required Action No. 1 submittal of a CRMP by September 15, 2024.	\$55,335	ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0006 issued on February 10, 2025. Violation Period: September 15, 2024, to February 10, 2025.	On May 7, 2025, the Regional Water Board adopted the proposed ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0006. This matter is ongoing.

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Stipulated Orders, and Settlement Discussions (Underway or Completed)

Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of December 31, 2025 ¹
Sexton Properties, LLC	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2023-0054 Required Actions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6; for developing a cleanup plan, winterizing the site, and implementing and finishing a cleanup plan.	\$184,009	Time Schedule Order and Informational Order R1-2025-0020 issued on May 8, 2025. Violation Period: January 14, 2024, to February 18, 2025.	On May 8, 2025, the Regional Water Board adopted the proposed Time Schedule Order. The Discharger responded and complied with the first required action. Staff has reviewed the plan and subsequent amendments and have provided the package to the Executive Officer for review and concurrence. The Order deadline has been extended to October 31, 2026. This matter is ongoing.
City of Fortuna – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$48,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0033A issued on October 30, 2024. Violation Period: April 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of December 31, 2025 ¹
City of Loleta – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$672,000	Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0052 issued on 10/29/2025. Violation Period: March 15, 2018, to June 30, 2025.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.
Vintage Wine Estates, Inc.	WDRs / Food Processors	WDR Effluent Limit Violations, Discharge Prohibitions (nuisance odors and unauthorized discharges), and General Provisions.	Not Applicable	CDO No. R1-2024-0049 issued on October 3, 2024. Violation Period: September 20, 2021, to August 2, 2024.	Vintage Wine Estates, Inc., has sold the property to DFG Real Estate, LLC., who continue to update Staff on odor controls, pond repairs, treatment modifications, and upgrades. Staff is in communication with DFG Real Estate, LLC., regarding ongoing corrective actions, changes to their treatment and disposal plans, and pending investigations at the facility. A revised CAO was issued on January 8, 2026. Discussions are ongoing.

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of December 31, 2025 ¹
Samoa WWTP	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$33,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2024-0049 issued on September 9, 2024. Violation Period: March 22, 2023, to December 31, 2023.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days. Settlement discussions are ongoing.
City Ventures Homebuilding, LLC- Fox Hollow Development Site	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Construction General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum BMPs resulting in the unauthorized discharge of sediment laden stormwater to Peterson Creek, a tributary to Russian River.	\$833,316	Stipulated Order No. R1-2024-0042 adopted on September 10, 2024.	The Discharger has paid \$417,316 to the WPCAA and \$416,000 to the Laguna Foundation for implementation of the Petersen Creek Vernal Pool Restoration SEP. According to the Q3 2025 progress report, the west-side well has been installed, interior fencing removed, all 85 soil pits filled, herbicide treatment of Himalayan blackberry completed on both parcels, and dethatching of wetland pools performed to prepare for Sonoma sunshine restoration.

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					Installation of remaining water infrastructure, including the pumphouse, trough, and east-side water service, is scheduled for completion in October 2025. The remaining invasive species management and biotic restoration will conclude in Fall 2027.

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BoDean Company, Inc.- Mark West Quarry Site	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Industrial General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum and advanced BMPs resulting in the discharge of 10.5 million gallons of sediment laden stormwater to Porter Creek, a tributary to the Russian River.	\$8,589,406	Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2021-0047-A was issued on September 14, 2023, and includes an increased potential liability for additional violations that occurred after the first ACL complaint was issued on September 10, 2021. Violation Period: December 2018 – January 2023.	On April 2, 2025, the Regional Water Board adopted ACL Order R1-2025-0017 for \$126,969. BoDean has paid the liability in full. On May 2, 2025, the Office of Enforcement (OE) requested that the State Board review the Regional Board's Order. On June 17, 2025, the Regional Water Board submitted a response, respectfully requesting that the State Board deny OE's request.

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City of Arcata – Wastewater Treatment Facility	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$447,000	Proposed ACL Order No. R1-2025-0037 was adopted on November 12, 2025.	Order No. R1-2025-0037 is a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order which resolves penalties for violations of North Coast Water Board Order No. R1-2019-0006 from February 12/2020 through June 30, 2025. A successful Compliance Project was completed on December 15, 2025. A Supplemental Environmental Project is expected to be completed by September 31, 2027.
Hugh Reimers and Krasilsa Pacific Farms LLC	Non-Point Source Program Complaint Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basin Plan Section 4.2.1. - Water Code Section 13376. - CAO Required Actions 5 & 9 for failure to submit an acceptable 	\$3,750,852	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0045 was adopted on August 22, 2023, and imposes a \$450,000 liability.	The liability has been paid by the Dischargers. The Stipulated Order also required the Dischargers to complete the proposed Restoration Mitigation

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		Restoration, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan.			and Monitoring Plan by October 15, 2023. The Dischargers were granted extension by the Executive Officer until October 15, 2025, to fully implement and complete the Plan. The Dischargers requested another extension. A second extension has been granted extending the deadline from October 15, 2025 to April 15, 2026 to allow time for revegetation. This matter is ongoing.
Ken Bareilles	Southern Non-Point Source and Forestry Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discharges of waste into waters of the state in violation of Categorical Waiver and Basin Plan. - CAO R1-2022-0009 Required Action No. 1 for failure to submit plan by deadline. - CAO R1-2022-0028 Required Action No. 1 	\$276,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0026 issued on March 20, 2023, covering the period between December 1, 2020, and March 20, 2023. Based on violations of CAOs, Basin Plan Prohibitions, and Categorical Waiver conditions while	ACL Order No. R1-2023-0040 was adopted by the Regional Water Board on June 16, 2023. The Discharger was required to complete cleanup work on the property by September 29, 2023. The Discharger has litigated

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		for failure to submit plan.		conducting timber harvest activities on the property.	the Order. The Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's decision. It held that Ken Bareilles lost his right to judicial review because he failed to petition the State Water Board within the 30-day deadline required by Water Code §13320. In summary, the judgement against Bareilles stands, and courts cannot review the State Board's choice to decline discretionary review. This matter is ongoing.

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Russian River CSD and Sonoma Water Agency	NPDES Wastewater	Violations of the Sanitary Sewer Order including unauthorized discharge of 885,664 gallons of raw sewage from the Russian River CSD collection system to the Russian River.	\$1,033,546	Order No. R1-2023-0049 includes Enhanced Compliance Action for a study to evaluate regional projects that aim to improve water quality, water supply reliability, and climate change resiliency in the Russian River watershed. The Enhanced Compliance Action would cost \$887,000, and \$147,001 would be paid to the WPCAA.	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0049 was adopted on December 20, 2023. The Discharger paid the liability and awarded the Feasibility Study Consultant Agreements for the Enhanced Compliance Action to West Yost during a Sonoma County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 26, 2024. The Discharger and its consultant have held five stakeholder meetings to gather public input on regional wastewater management priorities and alternatives. The Feasibility Report was received by the North Coast Water Board on November 26, 2025. The final report is due in May 2026. The study has a completion date of June 30, 2027. This matter is ongoing.
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Projected List of Future Regional Water Board Agenda Items

The following is a list of Regional Water Board agenda items that staff are planning for the next two Board meetings. **This list of agenda items is intended for general planning purposes and is subject to change.** Questions regarding the listed agenda items should be addressed to the identified staff person.

April 15-16, 2026 – Santa Rosa, CA

- Executive Officer's Water Quality Stewardship Award (*Valerie Quinto*) [I]
- Potential Pending Administrative Civil Liability Complaints (*Staff TBD*) [A]
- Update on Outstanding National Resource Waters Project (*Matt St. John*) [I]

May 7-8, 2026 – Eureka, CA

- Elk River Stewardship and TMDL Implementation Update (*Elizabeth Pope*) [I]
- Update to Humboldt Redwood Company's Elk River Waste Discharge Requirements (*Jim Burke*) [A]
- Changes to Receiving Water Limits in NPDES Permits (*Mona Dougherty*) [I]
- Telonicher Marine Laboratory NPDES Permit (*Sabrina Cegielski*) [A]
- Humboldt Bay Commercial Shellfishing Management Plan (*Kelsey Cody*) [I]
- Update on CA 5th Climate Assessment – North Coast Report (*Matt St. John*) [I]

