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Federal Lands Permit Update

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The article constitutes the first annual update regarding the status of federal land management agencies’ compliance with the North Coast Water Board’s Federal Lands Permit, which was adopted by the North Coast Water Board in August 2024.

In short, the Administrative Units of the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS), have endeavored to meet the regulatory requirements of the North Coast Water Board’s permit with varying degrees of success, while simultaneously managing substantial changes in federal governance, staffing attrition, reorganization, and increasing wildfire-related risks and prioritization.

Background

On August 15, 2024, the North Coast Water Board adopted *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Land Management Activities on Federal Lands in the North Coast Region*, Order R1-2024-0012 (Federal Lands Permit), and is in effect. The Federal Lands Permit is the fourth iteration of a regulatory program for federal lands in the North Coast Region, the first of which was originally adopted in 2004.

Circumstantially, a short time after the adoption of the Federal Lands Permit, the Central Valley Water Board and the Lahontan Water Board both adopted their own federal lands regulatory programs, each with their own regulatory framework and monitoring and reporting with requirements tailored to their own regionally specific needs.

Facing administrative and regulatory requirements from three distinct regional water quality control board permits, leadership from the USFS and BLM petitioned all three regional water board permits to the State Water Resources Control Board, citing perceived challenges with meeting the independent regulatory complexities or resource obligations and promoting the development of an alternative statewide permit.

In response to the petitions, the State Water Board engaged with the USFS and BLM leadership in agency-to-agency discussions, the result from which was a decision temporarily place all three petitions into abeyance to allow additional engagement with the three regional water boards to better understand the nuanced regulatory frameworks of each of their individual regional permits. This engagement provided an opportunity for the state and federal agencies to assess opportunities to support compliance and enhance regulatory efficiencies.

What ensued was a concerted effort by the three regional water boards to develop tools for the federal agencies to utilize to guide their project enrollment processes and monitoring and reporting requirements. Opportunities contemplated by the regional water boards included the development of a consolidated permit application, alignment of monitoring and reporting requirements, and the legal framework for allowing regional boards to assume regulatory responsibility for an administrative unit that manages land that straddles two regional board domains.

These coordination efforts are ongoing, and no substantive changes to any of the regional board permits or their requirements have yet been undertaken. Currently, the three petitions remain in abeyance.

Federal Lands Permit Compliance

Since its adoption in 2024, the Federal Lands Permit has enrolled 10 new projects from the USFS, BLM, and NPS. These projects include a diverse mix of activities, including commercial timber harvest, fuels management, prescribed burns, road-related management, treatment of sediment sources, and aquatic habitat restoration.

The Federal Lands Permit includes a monitoring and reporting plan that requires each ranger district of the USFS, field office of the BLM, and park unit of the NPS (referred to as Administrative Units) to submit an annual report to the North Coast Water Board by April 15 each year. The annual report documents each Administrative Unit's compliance, monitoring, and any corrective actions taken during the previous year.

In 2026, each Administrative Unit of the USFS, BLM, and NPS either provided their first annual report (for 2025) on time, sought short temporary extensions for submittal, or communicated the reasons that they were unable to meet the requirement. Communication from the federal agencies on compliance status was conducted through individual Administrative Units, or in the case of the BLM, from leadership at the statewide level.

Of particular importance is each of the Administrative Unit's documentation of conformance with the Watershed Assessment and Recovery Program (WARP). The WARP establishes regulatory

requirements designed to steadily advance the treatment of controllable sediment discharge sources (CSDS) over time. The WARP relies on a performance-based credit system developed for each Administrative Unit and tailored to the specific water quality conditions and land management activities on their respective lands. Assigned treatment credits are required to be implemented annually, but compliance will be assessed by averaging treatment credits over a five-year period.

The WARP also provides compliance flexibility by allowing implementation of some alternative actions that protect or improve water quality, including but not limited to aquatic habitat restoration activities, forest resilience and climate adaptation treatments, comprehensive planning strategies, and certain monitoring and adaptive management actions.

The North Coast Water Board staff include liaisons assigned to each of the federal agencies' Administrative Units to assist with compliance with the Federal Lands Permit. Liaisons are currently reviewing the information provided by their assigned Administrative Units to determine conformance with the monitoring and reporting requirements, and to assess the total WARP credits earned for 2025. Once the liaison reviews are completed, formal notification to each Administrative Unit of their annual report conformance and WARP credits earned will be provided by North Coast Water Board Executive management.

Summary

North Coast Water Board staff continue to engage with their federal partners as the implementation of the Federal Lands Permit is under way. The Federal Lands Permit has been utilized to provide regulatory authorization for numerous federal land management projects.

The annual reports identify a range of compliance with the Federal Lands Permit to date, with some Administrative Units fully meeting their annual report and WARP compliance obligations and others that were unable to satisfy some or all the requirements due to varying circumstances.

Concurrently, our staff are also working in close coordination with staff from the Central Valley Water Board, Lahontan Water Board, and State Water Resources Control Board, due to the intertwined relationship between the three distinct permits and federal compliance across the state.

Given that this is a new permit with some novel regulatory requirements, North Coast Water Board staff are continuing to work with the federal agencies with the goal of continuous improvement, working towards full compliance with the Federal Lands Permit.

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Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan Projects Update

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The Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) is the primary water quality control planning document and regulatory tool applicable to the North Coast Region. It contains the regulations adopted by the North Coast Water Board to control the discharge of waste and regulate other controllable factors affecting the quality of waters of the state within the boundaries of the North Coast Region. The California Water Code and federal Clean Water Act both require a periodic review of water quality standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards. The Triennial Review is conducted every three years, and was last conducted in FY 23/24 (2023 Triennial Review), with the next occurring this FY 26/27 (2027 Triennial Review). The Triennial Review generally consists of a public solicitation, development of a work plan (staff report) detailing the requests received and projects under consideration for staffing, and a Board approval process. The final workplan becomes the guide for planning staff's work over the subsequent 3-year period.

The North Coast Water Board concluded its 2023 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan in June 2024. As a result of its review, the North Coast Water Board adopted its staffing priorities for the [FY 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/06_2024/pdf/7/triennial-workplan.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/06_2024/pdf/7/triennial-workplan.pdf), identifying eleven projects for planning program staff to pursue.

The following table presents the various steps (phases) a planning project must go through in order to be completed (i.e. approved by the Office Of Administrative Law) and details the current project phase for each of these eleven multi-year projects. Additional details on the status of each project is provided in the text below.

Current Project Phase	Project Title
Project Scoping/Scientific Development	• Native American Culture Beneficial Uses Project • 2027 Triennial Review • Hydrology and Water Quality (Re-envisioned from Narrative Flow Objective) • Lower Eel River Exception to Seasonal Discharge Prohibition • Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW)
Implementation Scoping	• Laguna De Santa Rosa Watershed Sediment, Phosphorus, Nitrogen, and Temperature TMDLs (Laguna Reconciliation Project)
Adopted by North Coast Water Board	• Coastal Pathogen Project (4b Demonstration) • Gualala River Sediment TMDL Action Plan
Approved by State Water Board	• Russian River Pathogen TMDL Action Plan

Approved by Office of Administrative Law (Approves All Basin Plan Amendments, including Action Plans)	Basin Plan Remediation (2025 Basin Plan)
Approved by US EPA (Approves TMDLs and Standards related to Waters of the US)	
On Hold	Trinity Temperature Objective

Russian River Pathogen TMDL Action Plan: The Russian River Pathogen TMDL Action Plan (Russian Action Plan) aims to reduce human exposure to pathogens throughout the Russian River watershed and protect recreational water uses by prohibiting fecal waste discharge into surface waters. It is implemented through permits and memorandums of understanding and builds on existing regulations for wastewater treatment, stormwater, and dairies, relying upon local management plans (LAMPS) in alignment with the Statewide OWTS policy for regulation of onsite waste treatment systems (OWTS). On August 15, 2025, the North Coast Water Board adopted the Russian Action Plan into the Basin Plan including the prohibition, compliance mechanisms, timelines, and a watershed-wide assessment program for OWTS. The Russian Action Plan is scheduled for State Water Board consideration of approval on their August 18, 2026 uncontested calendar and will come into effect once approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

Coastal Pathogen Project: At the April 2025 Board meeting, the North Coast Water Board adopted a resolution supporting submittal of the Category 4b Demonstration for the Coastal Pathogen Source Reduction Strategy (Implementation Plan) to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) as part of the 2028 Integrated Report. The Implementation Plan outlines existing or planned permit conditions and regulatory authorities to control human, dog, and cattle fecal sources impairing the Water Contact Recreation (REC-1) and/or Shellfish Harvesting (SHELL) beneficial uses in six North Coast streams and at nine beaches, and additionally identifies the need for source control at 13 Humboldt County streams not on the Section 303(d) List of impaired waters. In January 2026, staff briefed both State Water Board and US EPA representatives on the project and the State Water Board confirmed their agreement to incorporate the Implementation Plan into the Staff Report for the 2028 Integrated Report. North Coast Water Board staff will be providing an overview of the Implementation Plan in the 2028 Integrated Report Staff Report that explains the nature of a 4b demonstration, provides justification for selecting 4b as the preferred option, and includes a summary showing how the Implementation Plan meets each of the US EPA-required elements. The draft 2028 Integrated Report Staff Report will be published on the State Water Board's [2028 Integrated Report webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_assessment/2028-integrated-report.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_assessment/2028-integrated-report.html) for public review and comment in early 2027.

Gualala Sediment TMDL Action Plan: The Gualala River Sediment TMDL, established by US EPA in 2001, was incorporated by reference into the Basin Plan as part of the 2025 Basin Plan Remediation Project. The Gualala Sediment TMDL Action Plan (Gualala Action Plan) provides an

implementation strategy to achieve the TMDL load allocations through various measures to manage sediment sources and attain water quality standards. Following the close of the Gualala Action Plan public comment period and the August and December 2025 public workshops, the North Coast Water Board adopted the Action Plan in February 2026. Staff are preparing the administrative record and expect to initiate the State Water Board approval process later this year.

Laguna De Santa Rosa Watershed Sediment, Phosphorus, Nitrogen, And Temperature TMDLs (Laguna Reconciliation Project): The Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed is the Russian River's largest tributary and the largest urban hub of the North Coast region, spanning communities like Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, Windsor, and other nearby areas. It supports both urban communities and a strong agricultural sector, including vineyards and dairies. The watershed faces challenges from land use and hydrologic changes, requiring collaborative solutions for pollution and ecosystem restoration. In addition to traditional approaches, such as a TMDL, an Advance Restoration Plan is being explored due to complex implementation needs. A Laguna Task Force is being formed comprised of local governments, agricultural representatives, Tribes, regulators, and non-governmental organizations to explore compliance strategies and implementation options. The Task Force will assess current initiatives and partnering opportunities to address sediment, nutrients, temperature, and dissolved oxygen in a manner that ultimately result in supporting conditions for beneficial uses.

Native American Culture Beneficial Uses: In 2003, the North Coast Water Board established the Native American Culture (CUL) beneficial use and designated 28 named waterbodies and five general categories of waters with CUL across the North Coast Region. In 2017, in concert with development of the statewide mercury provisions, the State Water Board established statewide beneficial uses for Tribes. Because the wording is slightly different, a memo establishing the equivalency of the North Coast Water Board's Native American Culture (CUL) to the State Water Board's Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL) and Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB) has been filed in the administrative record for this project and shared with State Water Board staff. Establishing the equivalency of these definitions allows North Coast Water Board staff to proceed with this project using the existing definition established by the North Coast Water Board in 2003.

The goal of this project is to receive documentation from Tribes for use in the expansion of CUL beneficial use designations, as appropriate, beyond those established in 2003. To initiate this project, invitations for Tribal consultation were sent to over 50 Tribes with ancestral ties to the region. In response, several Tribes met on a staff-to-staff basis to gain a better understanding of project goals and, in some cases, staff and our Executive Officer engaged in formal government-to-government consultation. The invitations remain open. Tribal outreach continues with Tribes invited to serve as Advisors and review project documents over the coming year as staff develop a designation template that will be used to streamline the process.

Hydrology and Water Quality Basin Plan Amendment (Re-envisioned from Narrative Flow Objective): Please see the Hydrology and Water Quality Basin Plan Amendment article in this EO Report for an update on this project.

Lower Eel River Exception to Seasonal Discharge Prohibition: The Basin Plan prohibits all point source discharges in North Coast Region surface waters, except for the Mad, Eel, and Russian rivers, where winter discharges are allowed if certain criteria are met. Since exceptions allow point source

discharges to these three waterbodies in the winter, this is commonly called the seasonal or “summertime” discharge prohibition. Due to longstanding treatment plant and disposal designs, the City of Fortuna has been challenged in its ability to meet the summertime discharge prohibition to the Lower Eel River. As a result, the City has explored water quality conditions in the Lower Eel River as well as various options for disposing treated wastewater during summer. NPDES program staff continue to collaborate with the City on alternatives for compliance, including, but not limited to development of a Basin Plan amendment that may establish criteria for an exception to the summertime discharge prohibition applicable to the Lower Eel River. Planning staff have provided support and information on the requirements for developing a Basin Plan amendment to NPDES program and City staff. Once a decision is made about the compliance pathway, planning staff will engage in the project as appropriate.

Outstanding National Resource Waters: Please see the Outstanding National Resource Waters Basin Plan Amendment article in this EO Report for an update on this project.

Trinity Temperature Objective: The Basin Plan sets site specific temperature objectives for the Upper Trinity River. Multiple groups have requested updates to these objectives based on new scientific findings which show Chinook salmon embryos require lower temperatures in the wild than previously thought. This project is on hold while North Coast Water Board staff continue coordinating with State Water Board leadership on regulatory challenges, since temperature regulation in the Upper Trinity River is largely controlled by the US Bureau of Reclamation. Staff will continue tracking statewide activities related to Trinity River diversions and advocate for temperature protection where possible.

Basin Plan Remediation Project (2025 Basin Plan): The completion of the 2023 Triennial Review served as the catalyst for initiating the Basin Plan Remediation Project. The primary goal of this project was to address non-substantive amendments to the Basin Plan. These amendments focus on incorporating statewide provisions adopted by the State Water Board, updating outdated language to align with current regulatory practices, and reorganizing chapters to improve overall clarity. The project was comprehensive, impacting every chapter of the Basin Plan.

The amendment was approved by the State Water Board on March 3, 2026. Subsequently, the administrative record was sent to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on June 9, 2026, initiating the 30-day review period for approval. Staff received the Notice of Approval for OAL File No. 2026-0609-05S on July 14, 2026, signifying that the updated 2025 Basin Plan was now in effect.

To facilitate the rollout of the 2025 Basin Plan and provide ready access to information related to all active planning projects staff have updated the [Basin Plan Program webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/). These updates are intended to improve navigation to all planning projects, enhance clarity, and ensure that all links are current and relevant, supporting the public in accessing the most current information.

2027 Triennial Review: As noted at the beginning of this article, planning program staff are conducting the 2027 Triennial Review; the process of developing the next three-year workplan. In June, staff updated the Triennial Review webpage and [online project submittal form](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=JWoY_kl95kGZQQXSKB02wSD44qwt2lVNog-9A610oJdURE1UQVNVHVk5TRDIVNVJU8wSUhQVkhUWCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl) (https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=JWoY_kl95kGZQQXSKB02wSD44qwt2lVNog-9A610oJdURE1UQVNVHVk5TRDIVNVJU8wSUhQVkhUWCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl). This simplified form incorporates lessons learned from the 2023 Triennial Review and replaces the online form that has been available on our webpage since 2023 to submit Basin Plan amendment

proposals. Staff sent an email to all Basin Planning subscribers to mark the end of the solicitation period noting a deadline of July 31, 2026, for submittal of Basin Plan amendment proposals to be considered as part of the 2027 Triennial Review. Basin Plan amendment proposals received after the July 31st deadline will be considered during the 2030 Triennial Review. Next steps in this process will be to 1) review all proposals received between May 6, 2023, and July 31, 2026, 2) develop a staff report summarizing new proposals and the status of the eleven existing planning projects described here in this article 3) develop a proposed Planning Program Workplan for FY 27-30, and 4) post the staff report and proposed Planning Program Workplan for public review and comment. Staff will present this information at a workshop during the February 2027 Board meeting as part of the public review period. Staff then plan to present a recommended Planning Program Workplan for FY 27-30 for Board consideration at the June 2027 Board meeting.



Outstanding National Resource Waters Project Update

Matt St John

As mentioned in the previous Planning Program Projects Update article, the Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW) project was among the prioritized projects in the FY 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan based on the 2023 Triennial Review. Staff are working with California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout) and several other nongovernmental organizations in the development of materials to support designation of Cedar and Elder Creeks, tributaries to the South Fork Eel River, as ONRWs. In November 2025, a memorandum of understanding was signed with CalTrout and the other partners who are providing technical support and recommendations to staff to support the project.

ONRW is a special classification under the federal Antidegradation Policy (which is part of the federal Clean Water Act) that represents the highest tier of antidegradation and affords the maximum level of waterbody protection where designated. No water quality degradation is allowed for waterbodies designated as ONRW. Per the federal Antidegradation Policy, “Where high quality waters constitute an outstanding National resource, such as waters of National and State parks and wildlife refuges and waters of exceptional recreational or ecological significance, that water quality shall be maintained and protected.” The *Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California*, adopted by the State Water Board in Resolution 68-16 (State Antidegradation Policy), was adopted to prevent degradation of surface water and groundwater in California. The State Water Board has interpreted the State Antidegradation Policy to incorporate the federal Antidegradation Policy where the federal policy applies. The ONRW designation process requires identifying activities that could impact water quality, including controllable factors related to waste discharges. By designating a waterbody an ONRW, its water quality is maintained and protected from potential water quality impacts.

California has only two waterbodies designated as ONRWs: Lake Tahoe and Mono Lake, both within the Lahontan Region. The project underway is the first to consider ONRW designation in the North Coast Region. As currently scoped the project would amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) to: 1) update Chapter 3 with a revised summary of the federal and state Antidegradation Policies and include a definition for ONRWs; 2) establish a new section in

Chapter 5 to incorporate a program of implementation for waterbodies designated ONRW, and 3) designate Cedar and Elder Creeks as ONRWs. In addition, the project would establish a process for nominating candidate North Coast waterbodies for ONRW designation and establish the regulatory process for designating North Coast waterbodies as ONRW, based on the process that will be used to designate Cedar and Elder Creeks.

Based on staff's preliminary assessment of baseline water quality data and environmental conditions, Elder and Cedar Creeks appear to qualify for designation as ONRWs having high water quality, regional and international significance for their ecological and research values, and for providing important refugial habitat for vulnerable ecosystems and species within the South Fork Eel River watershed. South Fork Eel River is designated a Wild and Scenic River. Both Cedar and Elder Creeks produce remarkably consistent cold, high-quality baseflow even during severe drought years, providing important ecological value as refugial habitat, enhancing temperatures and flows of the South Fork Eel River, and providing protection of resident and anadromous fish (including coho, chinook and steelhead) among other cold water species and associated beneficial uses. Designating Elder and Cedar Creeks ONRWs would provide them with protection against degradation, thereby serving as a regulatory adaptation to the impacts of extreme weather events and climate change.

Staff plan to begin engagement with interested stakeholders on the Project in fall 2026, including an informational item on the Project at the October 1-2, 2026 North Coast Water Board meeting. Staff will initiate consultation with Tribes and conduct public outreach associated with scoping potential environmental impacts of the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act in winter 2026. External scientific peer review for the Project is planned in summer 2027 and public review of the draft staff report and Basin Plan amendment language is anticipated in 2028.

For additional information or if you have questions about this Project, please contact Matt St John at: 707-570-3762 or matt.st.john@waterboards.ca.gov.



Figure 1 Cedar Creek; Photo Credit: Matt St John

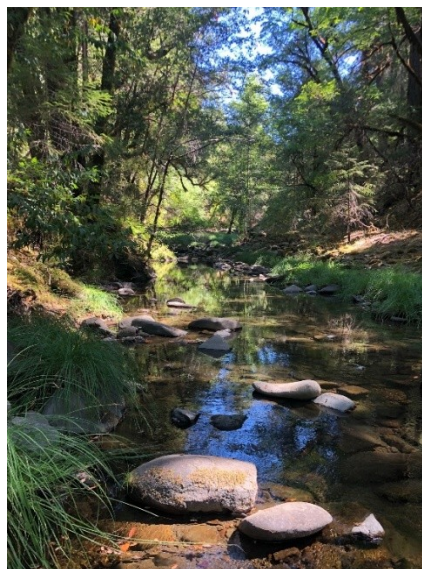


Figure 2 Elder Creek; Photo Credit: Matt St John

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Hydrology and Water Quality Basin Plan Amendment Update

Bryan McFadin

North Coast Water Board staff provided an update on the Narrative Flow Objective during an information item at the December 4, 2025 board workshop in Santa Rosa. At that meeting, the board was informed that after careful evaluation, staff would not be pursuing a new narrative water quality objective for flow at this time. Instead, staff are advancing a basin plan amendment focused on establishing policies and prohibitions that will enable implementation actions to address flow-related impacts on water quality and beneficial uses within the North Coast Water Board's authority. The project has been renamed the Hydrology and Water Quality (HAWQ) Basin Plan Amendment.

Since December 2025, staff have been working on revisions to the HAWQ basin plan language and staff report. This work included circulating the revised documents to North Coast Water Board permitting program staff and to State Water Board staff, whose feedback resulted in additional revisions to the documents. The HAWQ project currently includes the following draft policies and prohibitions, which are similar to those shared at the December 2025 board meeting:

- Policy on Water Conservation and Use Efficiency
 - Example: efficient infrastructure, runoff capture, water reuse
- Policy on Restoring and Maintaining Hydrologic Function
 - Example: Groundwater recharge, floodplain connectivity, wetland dewatering, soil compaction, impervious surfaces
- Policy Statement on the Impacts of Vegetation Management on Hydrologic Function
 - Acknowledgement of the influence of vegetation on water budgets and support for actions to manage vegetation density and composition for better watershed health
- Policy on Tailwater Discharges
 - Reduce pollutant discharges of agricultural tailwater
- Prohibition Against Loss of Hydrologic Function
- Prohibition Against Discharges of Waste from Tailwater

The intent of the policies is to establish and describe the North Coast Water Board's intent and direction on these matters, in a manner similar to the *Policy for Implementation of the Water Quality Objectives for Temperature and Sediment TMDL Implementation Policy*. The policies and prohibitions focus on addressing discharges of waste from controllable water quality factors. The policies will facilitate permit findings that address water quantity factors that impact water quality, while the prohibitions are independently enforceable (i.e. do not need to be in a permit to be enforceable).

Staff have also initiated two other processes critical to this effort: tribal consultation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) development. Outreach for Tribal consultation began in March 2026 when North Coast Water Board staff sent letters to 52 tribal entities providing information about this project and offering formal consultation. Staff plan to conduct meetings with tribal representatives beginning in August 2026. CEQA scoping documents are being drafted by staff and public outreach is anticipated to begin this fall.

The HAWQ project remains on track for submission to external scientific peer review in the fall of 2026. Staff expect to release the public draft staff report and proposed basin plan amendment language in the summer of 2027.

If you have questions about this project, please contact Bryan McFadin at: 707-576-2751 or bryan.mcfadin@waterboards.ca.gov.



Enforcement Report for August 2026 Executive Officer's Report

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Summary of Enforcement Actions issued between **May 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026**

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 Investigative Orders, 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 the regulatory actions issued by the Cleanups Program. Table 3 summarizes CAOs, Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), regulatory directives, and No Further Action Letters (NFAs). Table 4 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:

- Staff issued:
 - Five (5) NOVs and one (1) Revised NOV; and
 - Eight (8) regulatory actions from the Cleanups Program; and
 - Three (3) CAOs with Investigative Order requirements; and
 - 23 1st NCC letters for failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit; and
 - Seven (7) 2nd NNC letters for failure to respond to the 1st NNC Letter or enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit.
- Staff continued six (6) settlement negotiations with dischargers; and

- The North Coast Water Board adopted two (2) ACL Orders and one (1) Expedited Payment Letter.

In this and all future Enforcement Reports we will document Cleanups Program actions in a new table (Table 2).

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 May 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

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
Windsor Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation, and Disposal Facility	Windsor Water District	Windsor	Sonoma	Municipal Wastewater	5/4/2026	465155
Norton Property	Norton, Lee and Regina	Hornbrook	Siskiyou	State Water Board Division of Water Rights Cannabis	5/11/2026	TBD
Eyal Rifer Property Revised NOV	Rifer, Eyal	Ukiah	Mendocino	Cannabis	5/15/2026	462201
Nielson Ranch Farms	Baldwin, Justin and Mia	Garberville	Humboldt	Cannabis	5/18/2026	465173
Bruno Fonainha	Fontainha, Bruno	Philo	Mendocino	Cannabis	5/29/2026	465287
Fort Jones City WWTP	Fort Jones City	Fort Jones	Siskiyou	Municipal Wastewater	6/12/2026	465419

Figure 1: NOVs Issued Between May 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026

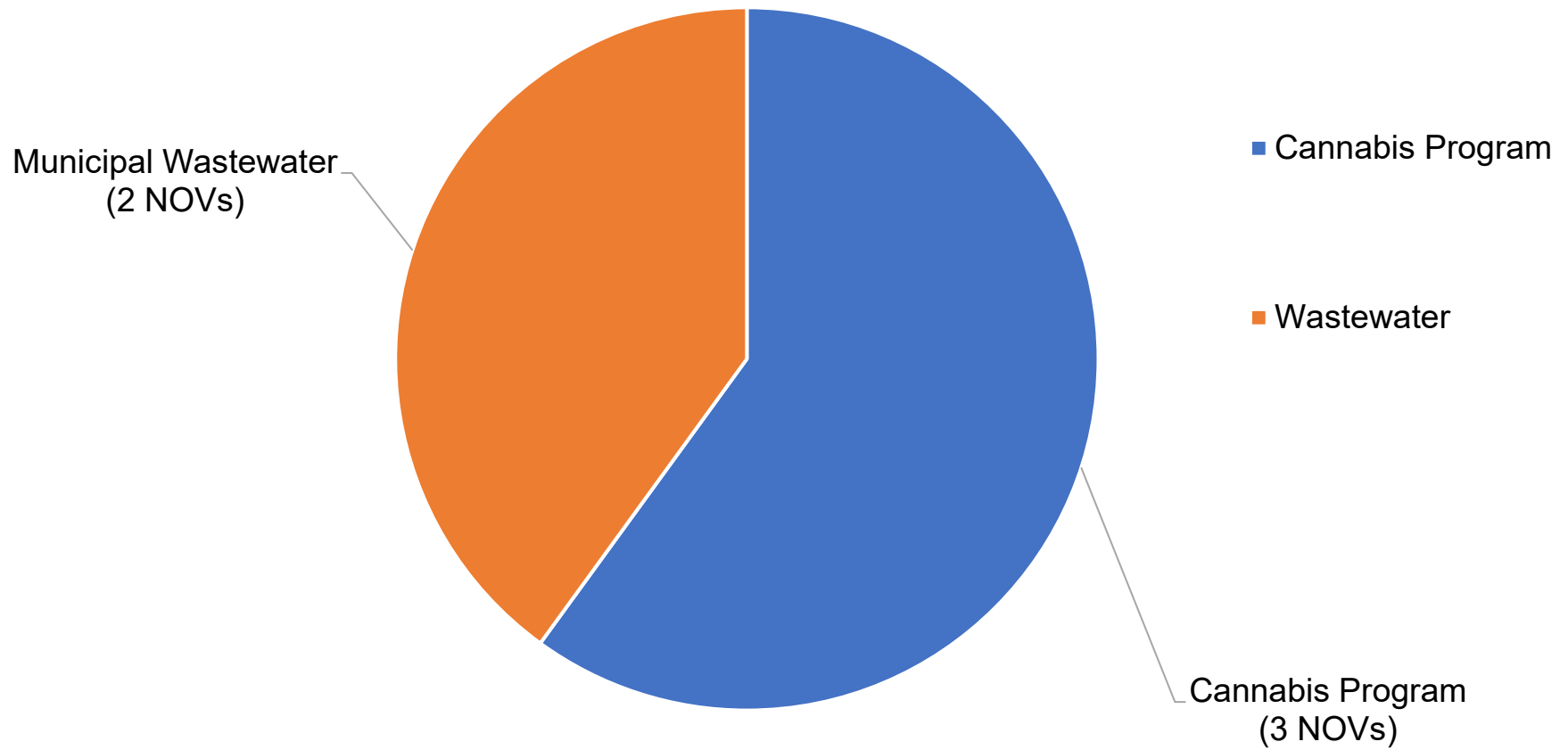


Figure 2: Cannabis NOVs Issued Between May 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026

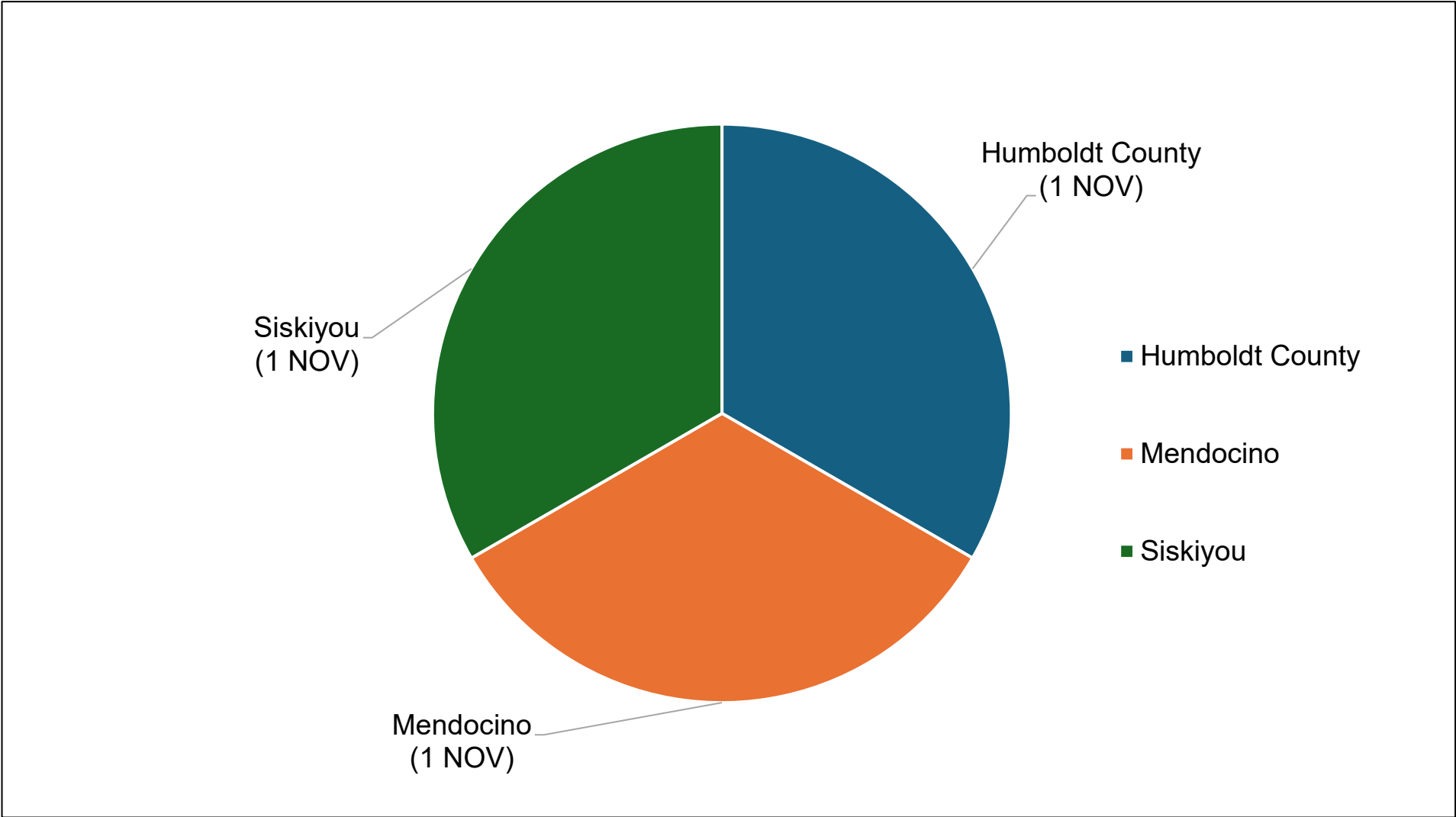


Table 2.**Cleanups Program GeoTracker Regulatory Actions between May 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026**

Project Name	Case #	Project Type	Status	County	Regulatory Action	Issue Date	Title / Description
Mobil, Steves	1TSI159	Lust Cleanup Site - UST	Completed - Case Closed	Siskiyou	Closure/No Further Action Letter	5/11/2026	No Further Action
3575 Mendocino Avenue	1NSR481	Cleanup Program Site	Completed - Case Closed	Sonoma	Notification - Public Notice of Case Closure	5/14/2026	Public Notice of Proposed No Further Action
Santa Rosa City Pump Station #6	1TSR460	Lust Cleanup Site - UST	Open - Site Assessment	Sonoma	Notification - Public Notice of Case Closure	5/19/2026	Public Notice of Proposed No Further Action
CDPR Mendocino Headlands	1TMC381	Lust Cleanup Site	Open - Verification Monitoring	Mendocino	Notification - Public Notice of Case Closure	5/27/2026	Public Notice of Proposed No Further Action
Bepex Corporation	1NSO778	Cleanup Program Site - UST	Open - Verification Monitoring	Sonoma	13267 Monitoring Program	6/1/2026	Terminate Monitoring and Reporting Program R1-2021-0020
Former Texaco	1TSO204	Lust Cleanup Site - UST	Open - Verification Monitoring	Sonoma	13267 Monitoring Program	6/1/2026	New Monitoring and Reporting Program Order
Jensen's Truck Stop	1NMC375	Lust Cleanup Site - UST	Completed - Case Closed	Mendocino	Closure/No Further Action Letter	6/5/2026	No Further Action

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Cleanups Program GeoTracker Regulatory Actions between May 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026

Project Name	Case #	Project Type	Status	County	Regulatory Action	Issue Date	Title / Description
Eel River Fuels, Point Arena	1NMC633	Cleanup Program Site	Open - Verification Monitoring	Mendocino	Notification - Public Notice of Case Closure	6/10/2026	Public Notice of Proposed No Further Action
3575 Mendocino Avenue	1NSR481	Cleanup Program Site	Completed - Case Closed	Sonoma	Closure/No Further Action Letter	6/17/2026	No Further Action Letter

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Date Issued	Action	Owner/ Operator Name	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
05/21/2026	CAO and Investigative Order	Rifer, Eyal	Mendocino	Russian River	Cannabis	R1-2026-0020. This order directs the Discharger to abate the effects of discharges and threatened discharges of waste associated with inadequately constructed or maintained cultivation pads, roads, watercourse crossings and reservoirs.

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6/17/2026	CAO and Investigative Order	Direct Drilling, North Sky Communications, Arcadian Infracom 4	Humboldt	South Fork Eel River	Complaint Investigation	R1-2026-0038. This Order requires the Dischargers to clean up and abate the effects of unauthorized discharges of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and associated HDD waste, from unauthorized disposal sites on private properties in the Garberville/Redway area of Southern Humboldt County to waters of the state. It further requires immediate investigation and cleanup to prevent further harm and unauthorized discharges; sensitive receptor surveys for aquatic receptors and water supplies; a mitigation plan; and water quality monitoring and assessment.

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6/17/2026	CAO and Investigative Order	Mykal Coelho	Humboldt	South Fork Eel River	Enforcement Program	R1-2026-0039. This Order requires the Discharger to clean up and abate the effects of threatened unauthorized discharges of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and associated HDD waste, from the Property to waters of the state. It further requires immediate investigation and cleanup actions to prevent further harm and unauthorized discharges.
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Brightview Homes LLC	Humboldt	Mad River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Dave Kurzfeld	Mendocino	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹

¹ Facilities that fail to enroll after receiving two NNCs within 60-days are subject to a minimum administrative liability of \$5,000 annually, and may be subject to further digressionary enforcement

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5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Eden Housing Inc.	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Enclave LP	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Hall Road Santa Rosa LLC	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Honeydew Ranch LLC	Humboldt	Mattole River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Hugh Futrell Corporation	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Jason Ziller	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹

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Date Issued	Action	Owner/ Operator Name	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Kocka LLC	Trinity	Trinity River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	KW Properties	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Laurence A. Kluck	Humboldt	Elk River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Los Pinos Apartments LLC	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Ledson Construction and Development	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Marco Chavoya	Mendocino	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹

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5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	MDF Enterprises Inc	Humboldt	Eel River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Morgan Properties Incorporated	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Nu Forest Products	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Paseo Vista Inc.	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Sasa Miljkovic	Humboldt	Trinity River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Stig Construction Erik Strombeck	Humboldt	Janes Creek	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹

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6/9/2026	1st NNC Letter	Stig Construction Steven Strombeck	Humboldt	Janes Creek	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	The Emerald Connective	Trinity	Trinity River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	TRV Corp	Sonoma	Petaluma River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
5/4/2026	1 st NNC Letter	Valero 116	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹
6/9/2026	2 nd NNC Letter	Hugh Futrell Corporation	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline, Notice of Violation, and 1 st NNC letter. ¹

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6/9/2026	2 nd NNC Letter	Jason Ziller	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline, Notice of Violation, and 1st NNC letter. ¹
6/9/2026	2 nd NNC Letter	KW Properties	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline, Notice of Violation, and 1st NNC letter. ¹
6/9/2026	2 nd NNC Letter	Los Pinos Apartments LLC	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline, Notice of Violation, and 1st NNC letter. ¹
6/9/2026	2 nd NNC Letter	Nu Forest Products	Sonoma	Russian River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline, Notice of Violation, and 1st NNC letter. ¹
6/9/2026	2 nd NNC Letter	Sasa Miljkovic	Humboldt	Trinity River	Construction Stormwater	Failure to enroll in the Construction General Stormwater permit following deadline and Notice of Violation. ¹

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Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of June 30, 2026 ²
City of Eureka Elk River WWTP	Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$15,000	Order No. R1-2026-0032	The Discharger has violated effluent limitations in NPDES Order No. R1-2023-0016 and has agreed to resolve the violations by settling on expedited payment amount.
Fortuna City WWTP	Wastewater	Second Amended Administrative Civil Liability Complaint	\$123,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-33B issued May 8, 2026. Violation Period: December 8, 2020 through March 11, 2026.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.
Humboldt Sawmill Company/Scotia Town - Eel River Power	Wastewater	Administrative Civil Liability Complaint	\$255,000	ACL Complaint No. R1-2026-0023 issued May 15, 2026. Violation	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and

² 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 June 30, 2026 ²
				Period: January 3, 2023, through April 24, 2026.	settlement discussions are ongoing.
Jorge Sanchez Herrera Property	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2025-0043 Required Actions Nos. 1 through 4 by November 15, 2025.	\$50,000	ACL Order No. R1-2026-0028 issued on April 22, 2026.	The North Coast Water Board adopted the proposed liability in ACL Order R1-2026-0028 at the April 15, 2026 Board meeting. Billing has been initiated. This matter is ongoing.
Pedro Martinez Garcia	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2025-0047 Required Actions Nos. 1 by November 14, 2025.	\$50,000	ACL Order No. R1-2026-0027 issued on April 22, 2026.	Board adopted the proposed liability in ACL Order R1-2026-0027 at the April 15, 2026 Board meeting. Billing has been initiated. This matter is ongoing.

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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 continues to work with the Discharger to resolve remaining violations. This ACLC was withdrawn on October 9, 2025, and staff continues to oversee the remaining compliance issues. This matter is ongoing.
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.	Prosecution Team have reached a settlement agreement. The proposed Stipulated Order is posted for a 30-day comment period between May 6 and June 5, 2026. ³ No

³ Notices of proposed settlement can be found at this website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/notice_of_proposed_settlement/

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					public comments were received.
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.
Michael 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 Order No. R1-2025-0031 issued on August 26, 2025.	Board adopted ACL Order R1-2025-0031 at the August 14, 2025 Board meeting. This matter has been referred to collections.

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Yesenia and Raul 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 Order No. R1-2025-0006 issued on May 28, 2025.	On May 7, 2025, the North Coast Water Board adopted the ACL Order No. R1-2025-0006 . This matter has been referred to collections.
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 North Coast Water Board adopted the proposed Time Schedule Order. The Discharger responded and complied with Required Actions No. 1 and 4. Staff reviewed the plan and subsequent amendments. The modified package was approved by the Executive Officer, and the Order deadline was extended to October 31, 2026. Restoration activities will begin July

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					2026. This matter is ongoing.
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.
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	\$833,316	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 Q4 2025 all project

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		laden stormwater to Peterson Creek, a tributary to Russian River.			activities are aligned with project timelines and reporting requirements. The remaining invasive species management and biotic restoration will conclude in Fall 2027.
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 North Coast 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 Water Board review the Regional Board's Order. On June 17, 2025, the North Coast Water Board submitted a response, respectfully requesting that the State Water

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					Board deny OE's request.
City of Arcata – Wastewater Treatment Facility	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$447,000	Stipulated Order No. R1-2025-0037 was issued 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.

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Hugh Reimers and Krasilsa Pacific Farms LLC	Non-Point Source Program Complaint Response	- Basin Plan Section 4.2.1. - Water Code Section 13376. - CAO Required Actions 5 & 9 for failure to submit an acceptable Restoration, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan.	\$3,750,852	Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0045 was adopted on August 22, 2023, and imposes a \$450,000 liability.	On April 15, 2026, North Coast Water Board received a Notice of Substantial Completion. Staff are currently reviewing the submittal. This matter is ongoing.
Ken Bareilles	Southern Non-Point Source and Forestry Program	Discharges of waste into waters of the state in violation of Categorical Waiver⁴ 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 conducting timber	ACL Order No. R1-2023-0040 was adopted by the North Coast Water Board on June 16, 2023. The Discharger was required to complete cleanup work on the property by September 29, 2023. The Discharger litigated the Order and the Court of Appeal found in favor

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		for failure to submit plan.		harvest activities on the property.	of the Water Boards. The judgement against Bareilles stands. Billing for the outstanding liability has been issued. This matter is ongoing.
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

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					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 October 2026. This matter is ongoing.

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.

October 1-2, 2026 – Yreka, CA

- Update on Outstanding National Resource Waters Project **[I]** (*Matt St. John*)
- Information item on Public Trust **[I]** (*Nathan Jacobsen*)
- Scott/Shasta WDR Workshop **[W]** (*Eli Scott*)
- Renewal of Scott and Shasta Waiver **[A]** (*Eli Scott*)
- Rescission Order for NPDES Individual Enrollees prior to General Order enrollment **[A]** (*Matt Herman*)
- Rescission of Nordic Aquafarm NPDES Permit **[A]** (*Justin McSmith*)
- Tour of Fall Creek Hatchery **[I]** (*Justin McSmith*)

December 3-4, 2026 – Santa Rosa, CA

- Gualala Roads Assessment Order **[A]**

