



State Water Resources Control Board

February 9, 2024

CERTIFIED MAIL

Kristie Carr

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7022 1670 0001 3767 0900

Elizabeth Reilly

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7022 1670 0001 3767 0917

Steven Keller and Joseph

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7022 1670 0001 3767 0924

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Investigation ID: 15060

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS INSPECTION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER (APN) 032-044-08-00

Kristie Carr, Elizabeth Reilly, Steven Keller and Joseph Dorger:

On June 21, 2023, staff from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), in coordination with state and local partner agencies conducted an inspection of the property referenced above (Property). The purpose of the inspection was to observe the diversion and use of water occurring on the Property and to evaluate potential impacts to the watershed.

You are being contacted because you were identified as a Property Owner of the Mendocino County APN identified above where you are allegedly diverting and using water for cannabis cultivation.

During the inspection, Division staff observed California Water Code (WC) and State Water Board, Cannabis Cultivation Policy (Policy) violations. Enclosed is the Division's Inspection Report (Report) of your Property that includes Division staff observations, alleged violations and the corrective actions necessary for compliance with the WC and the State Water Board's Policy. The enclosed Report constitutes your notice of the

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

alleged violations and this matter requires your immediate attention. The information below is a summary of the alleged violations included in the Report.

Violations and Corrective Actions.....9

Compliance Assistance References 22

The State Water Board retains the authority and discretion to take enforcement action based on the facts and allegations contained herein and you may be subject to further enforcement action before the State Water Board. Therefore, this matter requires your immediate attention. You should follow all staff recommended corrective actions described in the enclosed Report or submit a response indicating any course of action you intend to take or have taken, include an implementation schedule, and/or photo documentation that demonstrates your compliance. You can provide your response, documentation and photos through the Division of Water Rights Cannabis Response Notice Portal detailed in the Report in the **Compliance Assistance References section**.

If you have questions concerning the Report, please contact me by phone at (916) 319-8107, or by email at scott.shironaka@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence can be provided and addressed to the following address: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, Attention: Scott Shironaka.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Scott Shironaka
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Cannabis Enforcement Unit 2
Division of Water Rights

Enclosures: Division of Water Rights Inspection Report dated June 21, 2023

ec: **Division of Water Rights - Enforcement**

Taro Murano
Taro.Murano@waterboards.ca.gov

Stormer Feiler
Stormer.Feiler@waterboards.ca.gov

Laura Cunningham
Laura.Cunningham@Waterboards.ca.gov

Cannabis Enforcement Section
DWR-CannabisEnforcement@waterboards.ca.gov

Cannabis Registration Unit
DWR-cannabisreg@waterboards.ca.gov

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Justin Rhoades
Justin.Rhoades@wildlife.ca.gov

Scott Bauer
Scott.Bauer@wildlife.ca.gov

Corinne Gray
Corinne.Gray@wildlife.ca.gov

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Northcoast.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office
Clint Wyant
wyantc@mendocinocounty.org

Mendocino County Cannabis Program
cannabisprogram@mendocinocounty.org

Mendocino County Code Enforcement
Trent Taylor
taylor@mendocinocounty.org

Mendocino Agricultural Commissioner
Harinder Grewal
grewalh@mendocinocounty.org

Department of Cannabis Control
Jose Barajas
Jose.Barajas@cannabis.ca.gov

Jon Silva
Jon.Silva@cannabis.ca.gov

Kristie Carr, Elizabeth Reilly,
Steven Keller and Joseph Dorger

- 4 -

February 9, 2024

Lindsay Rains
Lindsay.Rains@cannabis.ca.gov

Erin Wonder
Erin.Wonder@cannabis.ca.gov