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NOTICE OF VIOLATION INV ID: 70299

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS INVESTIGATION OF TRINITY COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER (APN) 019-290-041-000

Khamdeng Yang Vang,

On August 6, 2025, 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 a search warrant investigation of your property referenced above (Property). The purpose of the investigation was to observe the diversion and use of water occurring on the Property and to evaluate potential impacts to the watershed. At the time of investigation, Division staff identified that you are using ground water for cannabis cultivation and are required to comply with the Cannabis Cultivation Policy (Cannabis Policy) terms and conditions as identified below. You must take immediate action to come into compliance or risk civil liability.

Cannabis Policy Violations and Corrective Actions

WC Section 13149: Violations of a Principle, Guideline, or Requirement established in the State Water Board's Cannabis Policy, Attachment A., pursuant to WC section 13149:

WC section 1847, subdivision (a), provides that any person or entity committing a violation of the above referenced requirement may be liable in an amount not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), plus two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each additional day on which the violation continues if the person fails to correct the violation within 30 days after the board has called the violation to the attention of that person, plus two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each acre-foot of water diverted or used in violation of the applicable requirement.

This letter constitutes your notice of the above-mentioned WC and Policy requirements and violations identified below. Your response to the allegations listed in this notice is

required and should be submitted in a timely manner. The State Water Board has discretion when considering an enforcement action and shall consider your corrective actions taken in response to this notice in determining whether and what civil liability is appropriate for violations. Therefore, this matter requires your immediate attention.

1. Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 92 - Water Storage Facility Without Device to Prevent Water Overflow.

Violation Description: 3

At the time of the August 6, 2025 inspection, Division staff documented POS3 (Tank 3) without a float valve or similar device installed to prevent the overflow and waste of water. The failure to have float valves or similar device installed at these POS constitute 1 violation of Term 92 of Section 2 of the Cannabis Policy.

Corrective Action:

You should immediately take either corrective actions 1 or 2 to comply with the Cannabis Policy's storage overflow requirements for, but not limited to POS3 (Tank 3):

- 1) You must install float valves or other equivalent device to shut off a diversion when the storage system is full, OR
- 2) You must cease diverting water to POS3 (Tanks 3) for cannabis cultivation.

You must also submit photographic proof and/or other documentation that supports your corrective actions taken whether you choose compliance option 1 or 2. You can submit your documents through the State Water Board's Cannabis Compliance Response Portal referenced at the end of this report.

2. Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 93 - Failure to Secure Tank Openings to Prevent Entry and Entrapment of Wildlife.

Violation Description: 1

During the August 6, 2025 inspection, Division staff observed POS3 (Tank 3) at the Property without tank lids installed to prevent wildlife entrapment. The failure to ensure coverage of the water storage tanks to prevent wildlife entrapment at 1 tank constitute one violation of Term 93 of Section 2 of the Cannabis Policy.

Corrective Action:

You should immediately take either corrective actions 1 or 2 to comply with the Cannabis Policy's storage overflow requirements for, but not limited to POS3 (Tank 3):

- 1) You must install and maintain tank covers on all your water tanks. OR

- 2) You must cease diverting water to POS3 (Tank 3) for cannabis cultivation, and maintain your tank closed to the environment which includes maintaining the top cover of your tanks if they will no longer be in use.

You must also submit photographic proof and/or other documentation that supports your corrective actions taken whether you choose compliance option 1 or 2. You can submit your documents through the State Water Board's Cannabis Compliance Response Portal referenced at the end of this report.

3. **Cannabis Cultivation Policy Section 2, Term 98** – Failure to Maintain Daily Records of Water Use for Cannabis Irrigation.

Violation Description:1

POU1 is documented cannabis cultivation areas. At the time of inspection, Division staff did not observe any cannabis irrigation records nor any water measuring devices for the POU. This is your notice that the State Water Board is requesting your daily records of water use for cannabis irrigation. The failure to measure water use for cannabis irrigation and make cannabis irrigation records available constitutes one violations of Term 98 of Section 2 the Cannabis Policy.

Corrective Action:

As of the date of this inspection report, this alleged violation continues to be ongoing. You should within 30 days from the date of this report take either corrective actions 1 or 2 to comply with the Cannabis Policy's cannabis irrigation record requirements for POU1 to quantify all water use on the Property:

- 1) You must send the Division all records required to support that you are in compliance with Term 98, OR
- 2) You must cease your water diversions for cannabis cultivation.

You must also submit photographic proof and/or other documentation that supports your corrective actions taken whether you choose compliance option 1 or 2. You can submit your documents through the State Water Board's Cannabis Compliance

Instructions for Demonstrating and Achieving Compliance

To facilitate your response, you must contact Division staff by phone or by email provided at the bottom of this notice letter.

You can submit an appropriative water right SIUR application at:

<https://calwatrs.waterboards.ca.gov/portal/s/registration>

Need Help? Contact us at 916-341-5362 or email at

dwr.cannabisenforcement@waterboards.ca.gov

If you would like to file an application to appropriate water by permit you can find information and file your application at the following web address:

<https://calwatsr.waterboards.ca.gov/portal/s/appropriative-rights>

Information relating to the filing of a Statement can be found at:

<https://calwatsr.waterboards.ca.gov/portal/s/statement-of-use-initiate>

Cannabis Policy Document:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cannabis/docs/policy/final_cannabis_policy_with_attach_a.pdf

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Zyruss Edjan at (916) 917-3867 or via e-mail at Zyruss.Edjan@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Zyruss Edjan, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

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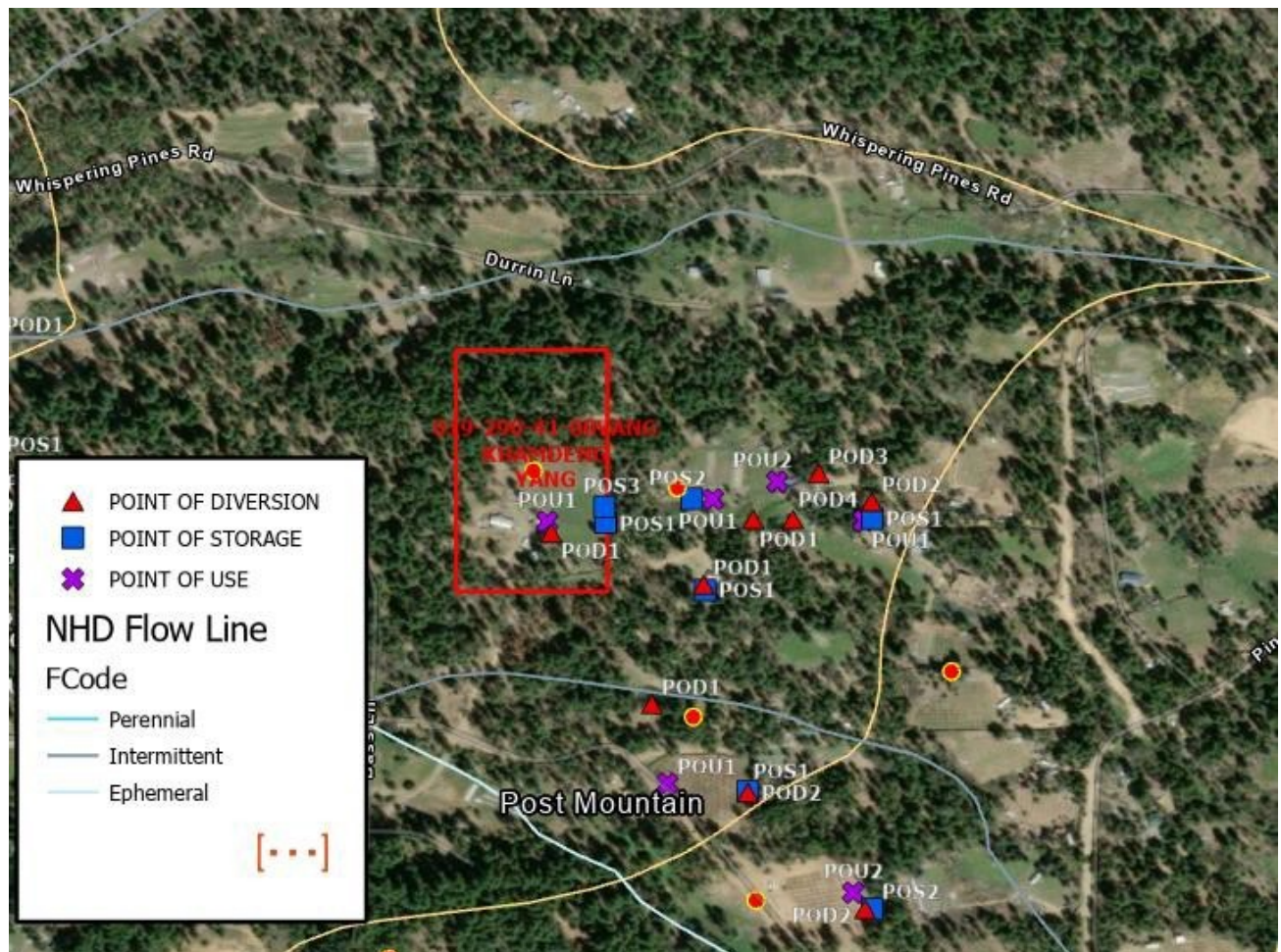
Figure 1: Topographic Map

Figure 2: Aerial Imagery Map

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Photo 1 POS3 (Tank 2-3)