



State Water Resources Control Board

September 29, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL

Cole Geyer

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7020 2450 0001 1783 3377

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Investigation ID: 14510

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS INSPECTION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY
ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER (APN) 056-070-08-00, 056-070-10-00, 056-070-13-00 AND
056- 270-06-00**

Cole Geyer,

On July 19, 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 the property owner of the Mendocino County Assessor Parcel Number (APN) identified above where you are allegedly diverting and storing water for use.

During the inspection, Division staff observed California Water Code (Water Code) and State Water Board, Cannabis Cultivation Policy (Policy) violations. Enclosed is the Division's Report (Report) of your Property that includes Division staff observations, alleged violations, and the corrective actions necessary for compliance with the Water Code and the State Water Board's Policy. The enclosed Report details the Water Code and Policy violations and this matter requires your immediate attention. The information below shows where you can find important information included in the Report.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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) 323- 0359, or by email at zachary.gomer@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: Zach Gomer.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Enclosures: Division of Water Rights Inspection Report from July 19, 2023 inspection

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