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Closing the Chapter:
Community Forum on Abandoned Grow Sites**

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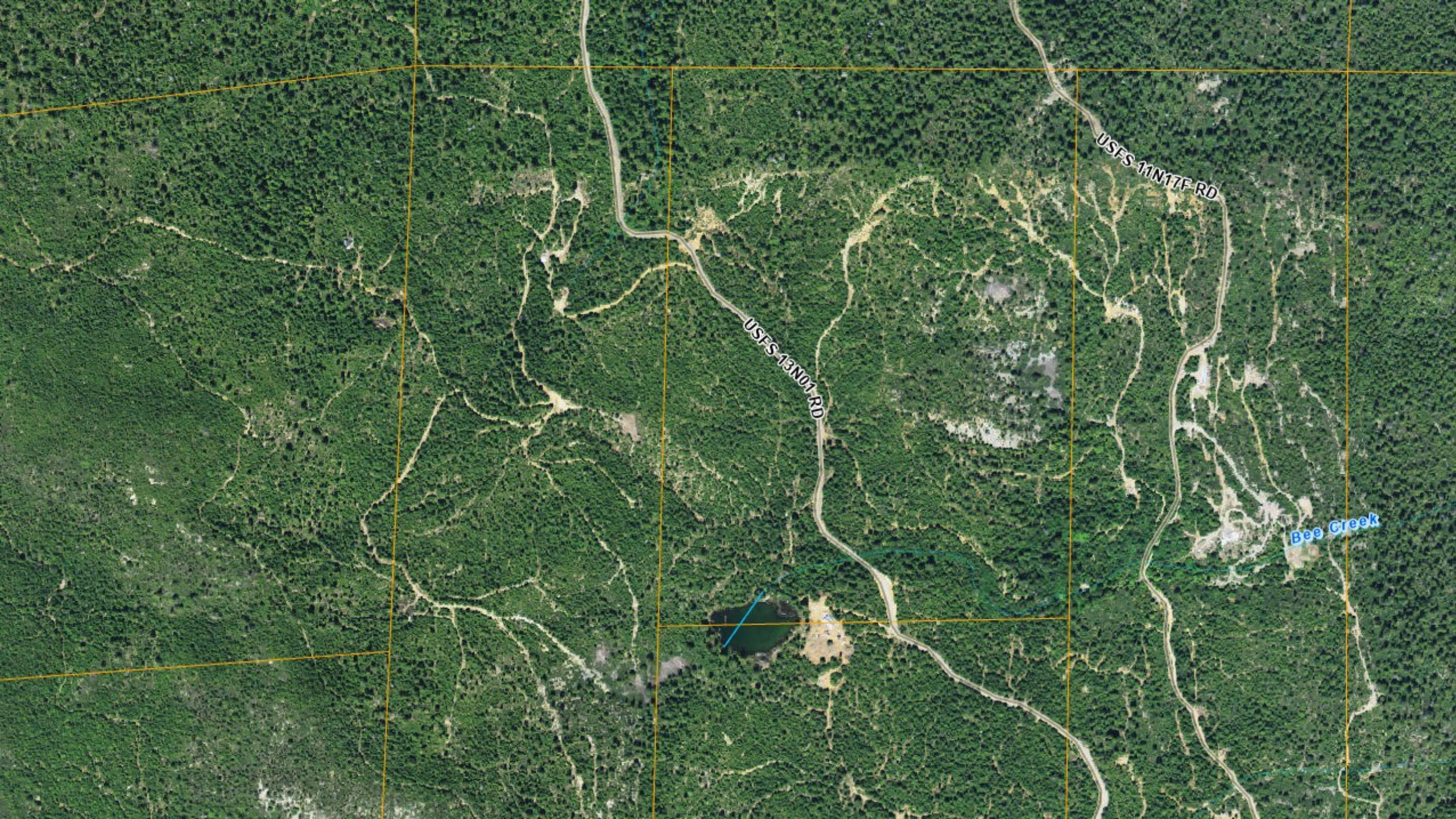
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55.4.6.6 Site Restoration upon Termination or Abandonment of Commercial Cannabis

Cultivation Sites. Upon termination or abandonment of a permitted commercial cannabis cultivation site, the operator and/or property owner shall remove all materials, equipment and improvements on the site that were devoted to cannabis activities, including but not limited to bags, pots or other containers, tools, fertilizers, pesticides, fuels, hoop house frames and coverings, irrigation pipes, water bladders or tanks, pond liners, electrical lighting fixtures, wiring and related equipment, fencing, cannabis and cannabis waste products, imported soil and soil amendments not incorporated into native soil, generators, pumps, and structures not associated with noncannabis permitted use of the site. If any of the above described or related material or equipment is to remain, the operator and/or property owner shall prepare a plan and description of the noncannabis continued use of such material or equipment on the site.

For cultivation sites located in forested resource lands where trees were removed in order to facilitate cannabis cultivation, and no three (3) acre conversion exemption or timberland conversion permit was obtained, the property owner shall cause a restoration plan to be prepared by a registered professional forester, or other qualified professional approved by the County, for the reforestation of the site. All restoration planning and implementation shall be conducted in conformance with the performance standard for remediation activities. The property owner shall be responsible for execution of the restoration plan, subject to monitoring and periodic inspection by the County. Failure to adequately execute the plan shall be subject to the enforcement provisions set forth in [Section 314-55.4.5.3](#) and [Chapter 1](#) of [Division 5](#) of this title.









































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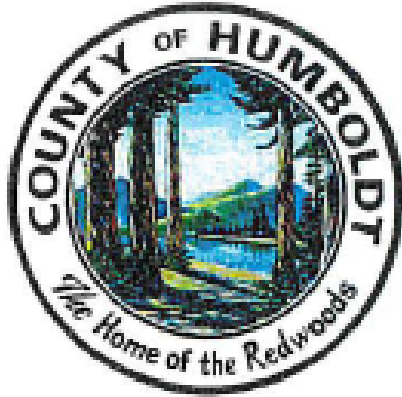












COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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DEPARTMENT POLICY STATEMENT NO. 22-02

ISSUE/SUBJECT: Site restoration upon termination or abandonment of commercial cannabis cultivation permit applications and approved permits

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE SECTIONS: Sections 314-55.4.6.6 and 313-55.4.6.6, Site Restoration upon Termination or Abandonment of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Sites

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Cannabis Grant Programs

County Water Quality Improvement Program, formed through the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CCLUO), provides grants as part of the Mitigation and Remediation Fund. This program seeks to improve water quality impacted by cannabis cultivation from direct funding from fines and penalties of cannabis civil enforcement actions. The initial funding of \$600,000 is to be directed at sediment reduction

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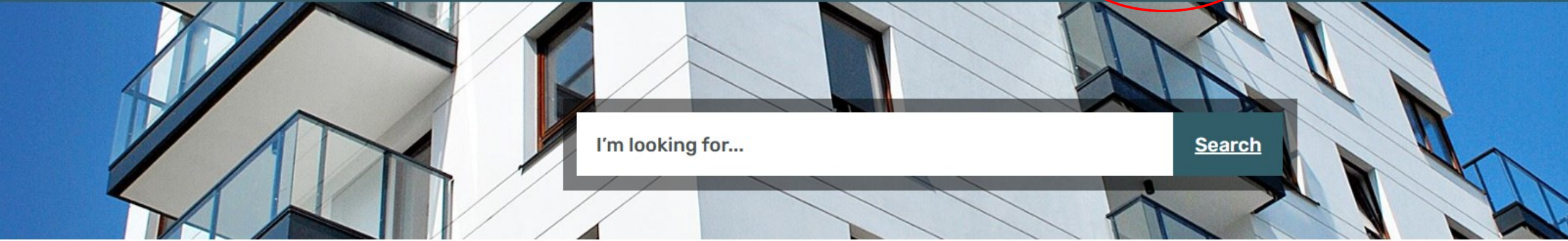
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NOTICE: The 2025 California Building Standards Code

The 2025 California Building Standards code becomes **effective January 1, 2026**. All permit and plan-review applications submitted on or after this date must comply with the 2025 codes; applications submitted through December 31, 2025 will continue to be reviewed under the 2022 codes. For more information, visit the California Building Standards Commission, or contact the Planning &

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03/02/2020	BLD-2020-51251	Building Fast Track	[REDACTED] Electric Service	[REDACTED] Rd, Whitethorn, CA 95589	Finald
09/19/2018	BLD-22410-NA	Historic Permits			
12/27/2016	BLD-42583-NA	Historic Permits		[REDACTED] CA,	3X
12/27/2016	PLN-12590-CUP	Historic Planning	[REDACTED] - SP	[REDACTED] A	Withdrawn
12/13/2010	BLD-32032-11-530-AOB-3	Historic Permits		[REDACTED] Whitethorn, CA 9558 ,	Issued
05/13/2010	FA0003073	Environmental Health Facility	Spill/Complaint File #2357	[REDACTED]	Inactive

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**Record PLN-12590-CUP:
Historic Planning
Record Status: Withdrawn**

Record Info ▾

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 09/24/2021.
Condition: Parcel Status Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Application Location

[REDACTED]
Whitethorn CA 95589 *

Record Details

Project Description:

[REDACTED] SP

A Special Permit for continued cultivation of 7,747 square feet (SF) of cannabis within three (3) greenhouses

Record PLN-2022-17622:
Planning Application
Record Status: Withdrawn - Closed

Record Info ▾

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 02/14/2022.
Condition: Parcel Status Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Application Location

██████████ Rd
Myers Flat CA 95554 *

Record Details

Project Description:

██████████ C - Special Permit

A Special Permit for 12,040 sq ft of mixed light applica

Record PLN-2022-17622:

Planning Application

Record Status: Withdrawn with Comp Agreement

Record Info ▼

Conditions 1

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 02/14/2022.

Condition: Parcel Status Severity: Notice

Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Application Location



Myers Flat CA 95554 *

Record Details

Project Description:

LC - Special Permit

A Special Permit for 13,840 sq ft of mixed light cannabis cultivation. The water will be sourced from a permitted well, seven (7) 5,000 gal rainwater catchment tanks, and a rainwater pond. The total water storage capacity is 38,550. Water usage is estimated at 101,876 gal/year. Processing

Record PLN-11181-CUP: Historic Planning Record Status: Post Approval Monitoring

Record Info ▾

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 07/16/2020.
Condition: Open Enforcement Case Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Application Location

[Redacted]

Dinsmore CA *

Record Details

Record PLN-11460-CUP: Historic Planning Record Status: Revoked

Record Info ▼

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 11/03/2020.
Condition: Violation Pending Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1, Met: 1)

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Application Location

Record Details

Project Description:

[REDACTED] - Special Permit for 9,850 sf
OD Cannabis Cultivation

**Record PLN-11183-CUP:
Historic Planning
Record Status: Suspension**

Record Info ▼

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 09/03/2021.
Condition: Parcel Status Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Application Location

[REDACTED]
Blocksburg CA 95514 *

Record Details

Project Description:

[REDACTED] - CUP for 30,840 SF Existing
Outdoor and 17,000 SF Mixed Light
A Conditional Use Permit for 30,840 sf of existing outdoor

Record PLN-11248-CUP: Historic Planning Record Status: Denied

Record Info ▼

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



The record was LOCKED on 12/10/2025.
Condition: Collections Severity: Lock
Total Conditions: 1 (Lock: 1)

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Application Location

Record Details

Project Description:

[REDACTED] Existing outdoor & mixed-light cultivation of 49,650
A Conditional Use Permit for 58,432 square feet of pre-existing outdoor and mixed light commercial cannabis cultivation.

► [More Details](#)

**Record PLN-11026-CUP:
Historic Planning
Record Status: Needs Further Review**

Record Info ▾

Conditions **1**

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 09/06/2022.
Condition: Parcel Status Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1, Met: 1)

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Application Location

[REDACTED]
Willow Creek CA *

Record Details

Project Description:

[REDACTED] Existing 26,000 sq. ft. Outdoor

The Applicant has amended the application to retire the site under the RRR program, and will relocate 26,000 square feet of pre-existing cultivation to an unknown parcel.

► [More Details](#)

Record PLN-12590-CUP:

Historic Planning

Record Status: Withdrawn

Record Info ▾

Conditions 1

Custom Component



A notice was added to this record on 09/24/2021.

Condition: Parcel Status Severity: Notice

Total Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Application Location

[Redacted]

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Whitethorn CA 95589 *

Record Details

[Redacted]

Project Description:

[Redacted]

A Special Permit for continued cultivation of 7,747 square

Historic Planning

Record Status: Withdrawn

Record Info ▼

Conditions 1

Custom Component

Record Details

Processing Status

Related Records

Attachments

Inspections

added to this record on 09/24/2021.

Parcel Status Severity: Notice

Conditions: 1 (Notice: 1)

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Location

[Redacted]
Whitethorn CA 95589 *

Record Details

Project Description:

Historic Planning

Record Status: Withdrawn

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Name	Record ID	Record Type	Entity Type	Type	Size	Latest Update	Action
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12590 Executed Compliance Agreement.pdf	PLN-12590-CUP	Historic Planning	Record	Miscellaneous	3.52 MB	01/09/2023	Action
12590 cost report 8-30-21 to 5-31-23.pdf	PLN-12590-CUP	Historic Planning	Record	Accela Cost Report	69.27 KB	06/23/2023	Action
PLN-12590-CUP.pdf	PLN-12590-CUP	Historic Planning	Record	Accela Cost Report	219.09 KB	10/31/2024	Action
12590 Past Due Letter.pdf	PLN-12590-CUP	Historic Planning	Record	Correspondence	226.78 KB	02/11/2025	Action

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Date	Record Number	Record Type	Project Name	Address	Status
10/17/2025	EH-BLA-25-000072	Business License Application	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Thomas Rd	Approved
06/24/2021	CE21-1166	Code Enforcement Complaint	Complaint- Cannabis Activity	[REDACTED] as Rd, Salmon Creek, CA	Case Closed - Abated by Owner

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Property Information

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10/19/2021	BLD-2021-55072	Building Permit	Niesen Demo		Expired
08/13/2021	CE21-1249	Code Enforcement Complaint	Cannabis Search Warrant: cannabis, structures, SMA, solid waste		In Compliance Agreement
08/12/2021	CO0021824	Site Mitigation	[REDACTED]	no address , , ,	In Violation
04/09/2021	BLD-2021-53734	Building Permit	[REDACTED] e Bldgs	[REDACTED]	Ready to Issue
10/07/2019	CE19-0302	Code Enforcement Complaint	HEIR Case Cluster 19R - cannabis, structures		Case Closed - Abated by Owner
09/19/2018	BLD-21162-NA	Historic Permits			

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08/12/2021	CO0021824	Site Mitigation	[REDACTED]	no address , , ,	In Violation
04/09/2021	BLD-2021-53734	Building Permit	[REDACTED] e Bldgs	[REDACTED]	Ready to Issue
10/07/2019	CE19-0302	Code Enforcement Complaint	HEIR Case Cluster 19R - cannabis, structures		Case Closed - Abated by Owner
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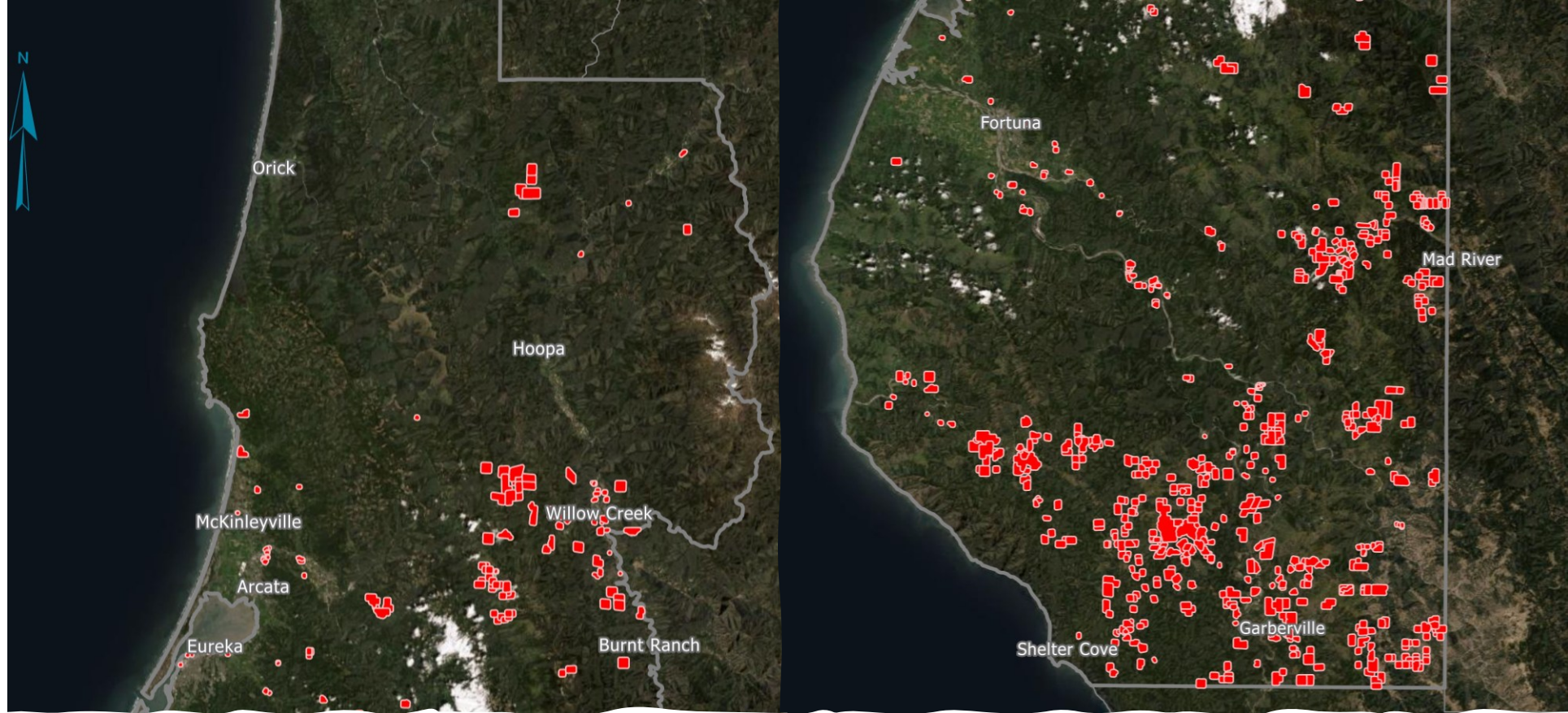
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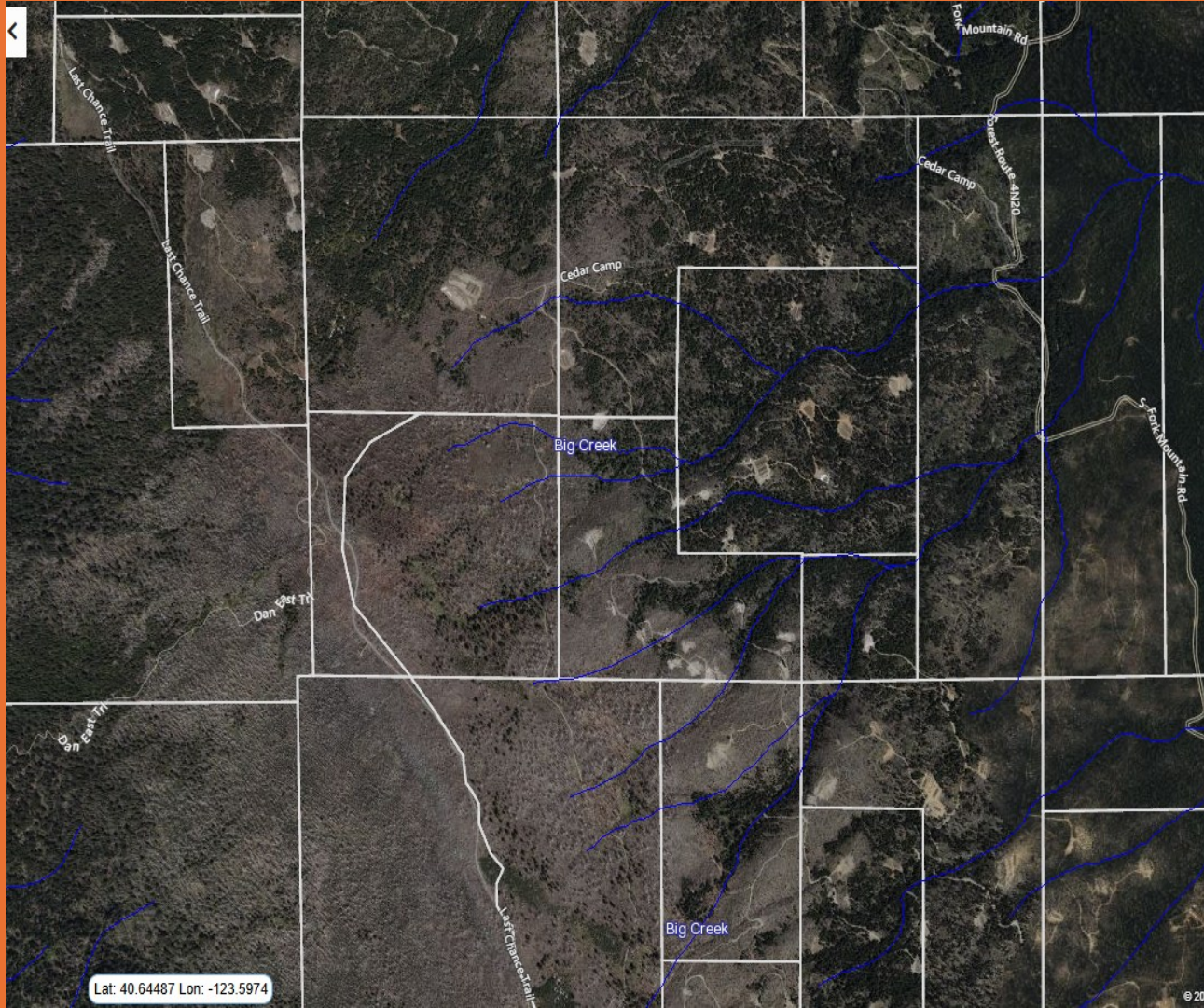
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Why are we all here?

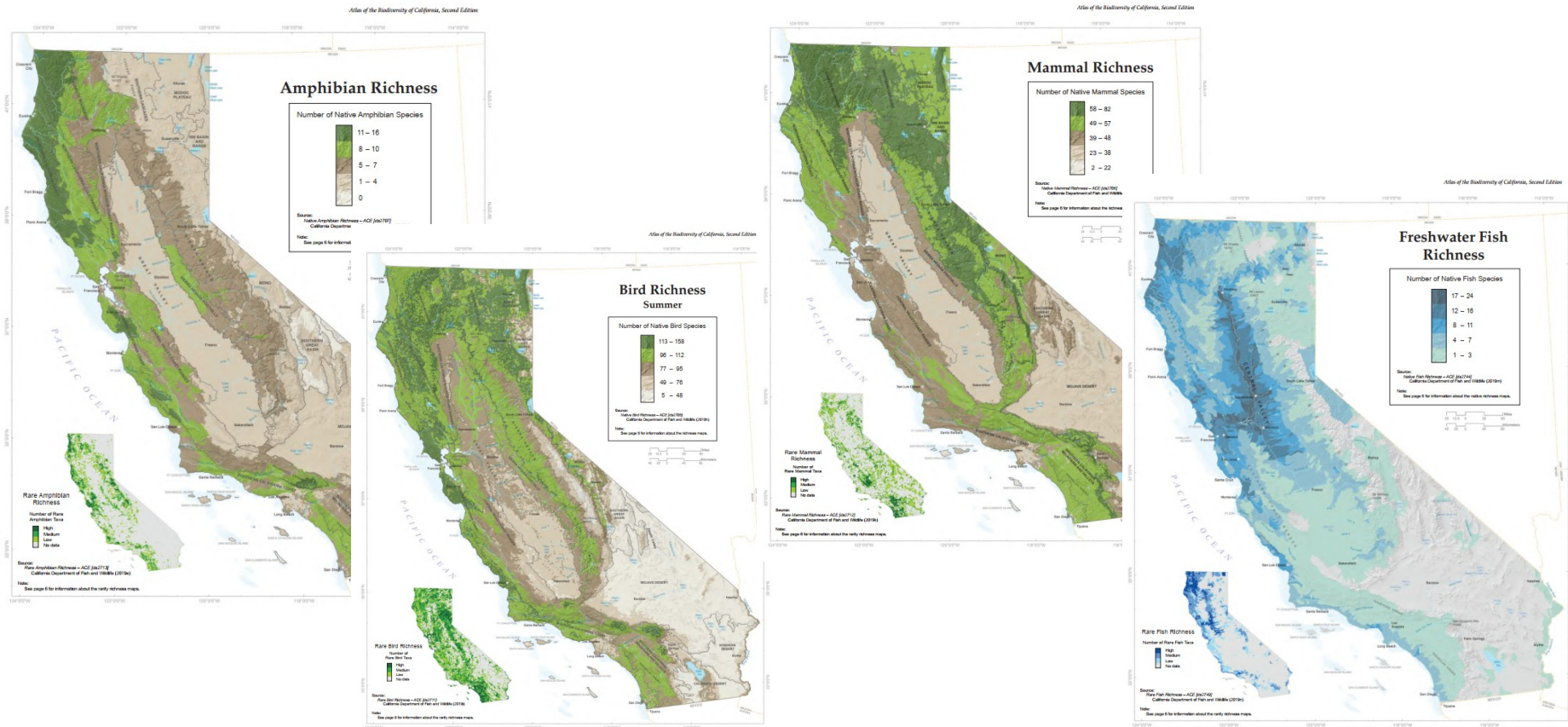
- 1270 expired, cancelled, revoked, inoperative Department of Cannabis Control Licenses on 780 parcels
- 358 Incomplete Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements (i.e. projects not completed)
- 77% of active LSA's are non-compliant
- 205 legacy cultivation sites not remediated
- Approximately 1,070 Fish & Game Code (FGC) violations not remediated



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t Is
Everywhere!

Why does CDFW care about these abandoned cultivation sites?

CA North Coast = Biodiversity Hotspot



Sensitive Salmonid Species



Sensitive Fish and Wildlife species



Amphibians & Reptiles



Sensitive Fish and Wildlife Species



Pacific fisher, *Martes pennanti*



Northern Spotted Owl, *Strix occidentalis*



Townsend's big-eared bat, *Corynorhinus townsendii*

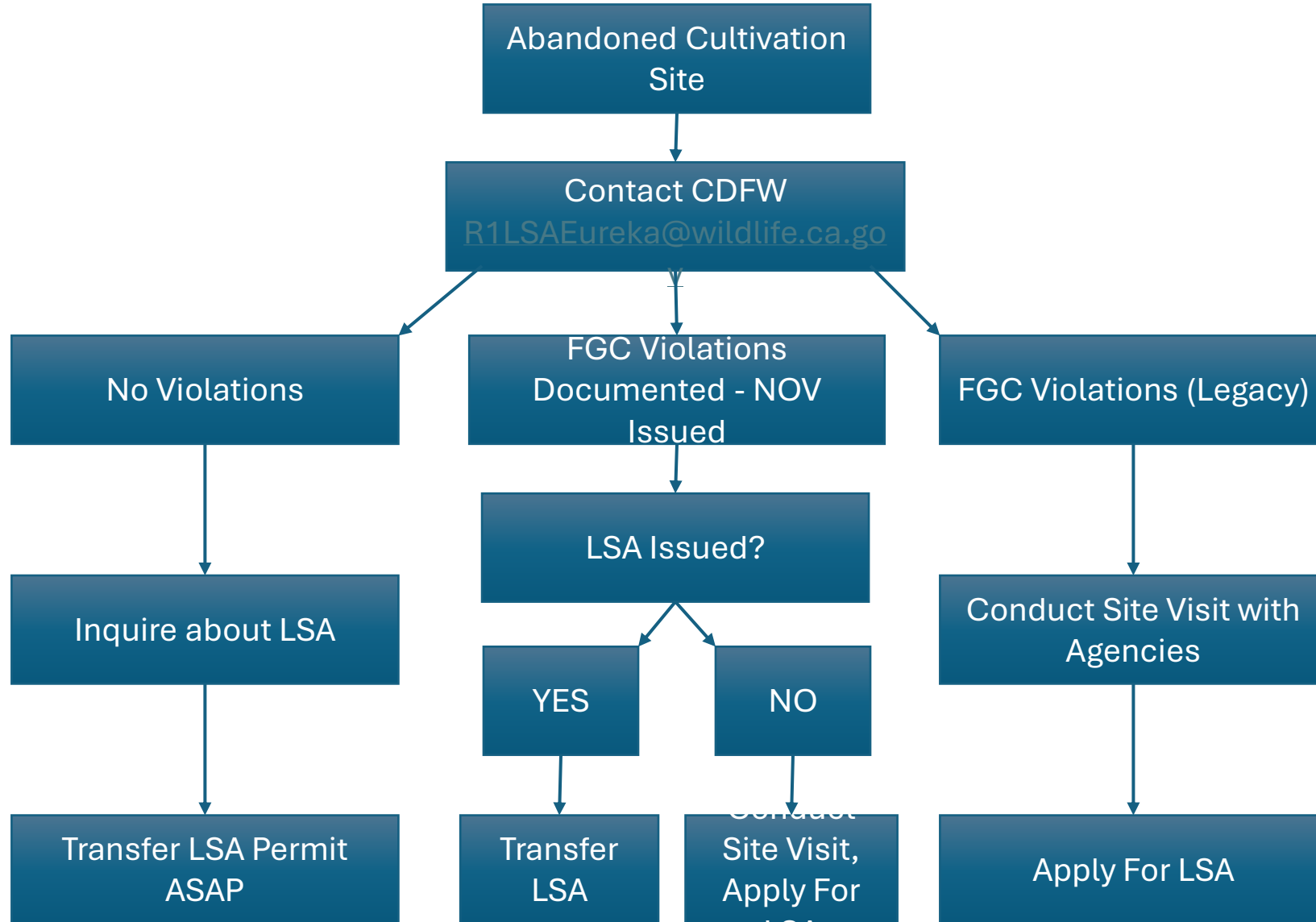


Western Bumblebee, *Bombus occidentalis*



So, where do we start the cleanup process?

Phase I of Site Remediation Process:



California Department of Fish and Wildlife Cannabis Restoration Grant Program (CRGP)

CRGP Funded by Environmental Restoration & Protection Account Fund

(California Revenue and Tax Code Section 34019)



Portion of sales tax on legal cannabis sold in California funds CRGP.

Purpose of Allocation

(Revenue and Taxation Code Section 34019(f)(2))

To facilitate environmental stewardship by providing support for local partnerships to improve environmental conditions in areas impacted by cannabis cultivation & related activities.



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program

Promoting licensed and environmentally sustainable cannabis cultivation statewide



-  Over **\$20 million available** to restore watersheds, support sustainable cannabis cultivation, and assist cultivators with permitting and licensing
-  Over **2,300 licensed cultivators** are eligible for grant funding through partnerships with tribes, public agencies, educational institutions, and non-profits
-  Over **1.5 million lbs. of solid and hazardous waste removed** from illicit cannabis sites on public and private lands within more than **20 watersheds**

Contact the CDFW Cannabis Restoration Grant Program for more information at CannGrantProgram@wildlife.ca.gov

Eligible Applicants

1. California Native American Tribes

(Public Resource Code Section 21073)
• State or federally recognized

2. Nonprofit Organizations

(Section 501(c), Title 26 of the United States Code)

3. Public Agencies within California

(e.g., federal and state agencies, RCDs, public universities & colleges, counties, cities, joint power authorities)

Individual cultivators & for-profit businesses **are not eligible.



Current Funding Opportunities

1. Cleanup, Remediation, & Watershed Enhancement (CRWE)
2. Research and Innovation (RIFO)
3. New Tribal Funding Opportunity
 - Coming Soon!



CRWE Objectives

- Cleanup, remediate, restore, or enhance aquatic, riparian, or upland native species habitat (or habitat connectivity) impacted by cannabis cultivation or related activities
- Minimize the risk of impacts to fish & wildlife, as well as human exposure, due to toxic materials associated with cannabis activities
- Alleviate a limiting factor within the impacted environment.
 - *Limiting factors are conditions that limit the growth, abundance, or distribution of target organisms or a population of organisms in a given habitat.*



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METHAMIDOPHOS

BANNED IN THE U.S.

Common names/brands: Metamidofos, Monitor, Tamaron, Filtox, Tamanox, Metaldane 600, Bitrad

Description: White; soluble and emulsifiable concentrate

Found: On plants


Routes of exposure: Dermal, inhalation, ingestion

Symptoms of exposure: Fatigue, weakness, dizziness, confusion, nausea, vomiting, blurred vision, headache, sweating, tearing, drooling, tunnel vision, twitching, abdominal cramps, tremors, difficulty breathing

Cholinesterase inhibitor: May impair the nervous system

PPE: Safety glasses, chemical resistant gloves, organic vapor cartridge respirator with pesticide pre-filters

Signal words may include: **WARNING, DANGER**






CRWE Project Types

- Cleanup & Remediation on Qualified Public Land
- Cleanup & Remediation on Private Land
- Road Treatments
- Wildlife & Habitat Enhancement
- Water Conservation



Resources



Email

CannGrantProgram@wildlife.ca.gov

Cannabis Restoration Grant Program (CRGP)

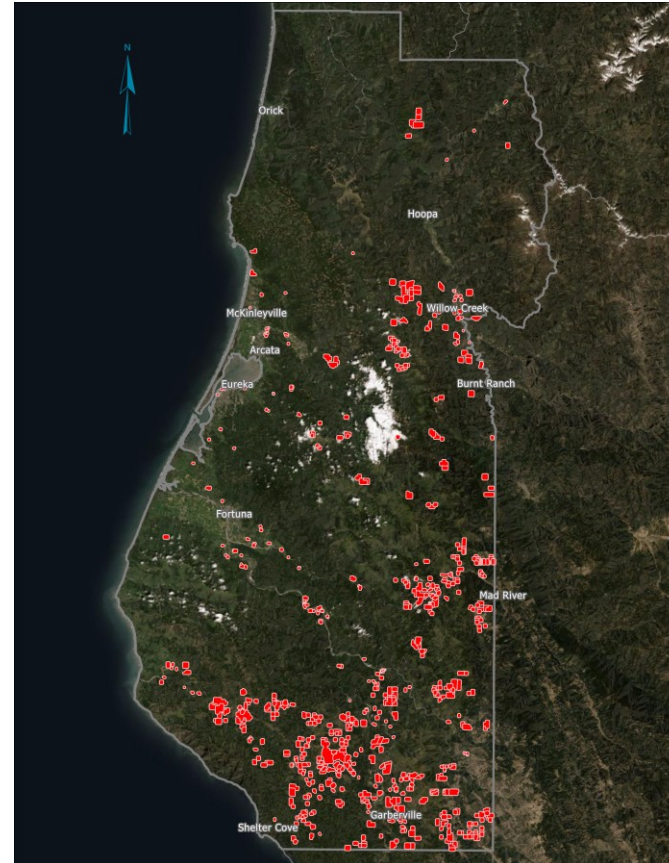
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Cannabis-Restoration-Grant>

Grower Profiles

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cannabis/Growers-Corner>

Help is available, but this large-scale effort requires collaboration

- Parcel by parcel grant applications is suboptimal.
- The scale of this conservation effort is immense and requires partnerships.
- Collaboration is key!





Thank you!

Questions?

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Closing the Chapter: Community Forum on Abandoned Cannabis Cultivation Sites

Waste Discharge Requirements, Water Quality Violations & Enforcement

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Water Boards

- State Water Resources Control Board
 - Division of Water Quality
 - Division of Water Rights
 - Division of Drinking Water
- Nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards
 - Regulate Waste Discharges and Threats of Waste Discharge
- North Coast Water Board
 - Offices: Santa Rosa & Eureka
 - Cannabis General Order compliance
 - Enforcement of water quality threats and order conditions

Cultivation Properties & Common Water Quality Threats

- Disturbed Areas
- Riparian Disturbance
- Stream Crossings
- Roads
- Pesticides, Fertilizers
- Chemicals, Petroleum
- Human Waste
- Solid Waste
- Cultivation waste
- Potting Soil

Regulatory Strategies for Water Quality Threats at Cultivation Properties

- Waste Discharge Requirements
 - Cannabis Policy
 - Cannabis General Order
 - Water Quality Certification
- Enforcement
 - Coordination
 - Progressive Enforcement
 - Inspections
 - NOVs
 - Cleanup and Abatement Orders
 - Investigative Orders

Cannabis General Order Enrollments

- Required for Commercial Cannabis Cultivation
 - Tier and Risk Level
 - Annual Fees
 - Maintain Site Conditions
- Technical Reports identify remediation obligations
 - Site Management Plan - All enrollments
 - Disturbed Area Stabilization Plan – High Risk, riparian disturbance
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Plan – Moderate Risk, slopes <35%
 - Water Quality Certification application – Instream and wetland work

Water Quality Certifications / 401 Permits

- Required Preauthorization for Instream and Wetland Work
- Required in addition to a CDFW LSAA
- Application and Fee
- Notice of Applicability
- Implementation
- Completion Report
- Monitoring and Annual Fee

Unpermitted Cultivation Properties

- Search warrants, complaints, referrals
 - Water Board Inspection Reports
 - Notice of Violation
 - Cleanup and Abatement Order
 - Water Quality Certification
 - Administrative Civil Liability
 - Property Lien

Selling

- Property cleanup
- Terminate Existing Enrollment
 - Notice of Termination Form
- Transfer Existing Enrollment
 - Outstanding Invoices
 - Change of Discharger
- Cleanup and Abatement Order and Water Quality Certifications
 - Notify of Change of ownership
- Administrative Civil Liability
 - Property lien

Buying

- Transfer Existing Enrollment
 - Outstanding invoices
 - Change of Discharger
- Remediation:
 - Unresolved violations
 - Transfer of Water Quality Certification
 - Cleanup and Abatement Orders
 - Technical reports
- New Enrollment Applications
 - Avoid common delays:
 - Unpaid invoices from previous owner/operators
 - Conflicting risk levels
 - Unresolved cleanup and/or non-compliance issues

Available Web Resources

- North Coast home page: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>
- Cannabis program:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/cannabis/
- Adopted Orders:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/
- Water Quality Certifications / 401:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/water_quality_certification/
- Notice of Violations:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/notice_of_violation/
- CIWQS Database:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html#facilities

When to contact the North Coast Water Board

- Cannabis Property Inquiries, email:
Northcoast.Cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov
- CIWQS Records Search (APN, Party, WDID#)
- Identify site conditions with water quality threats
 - Enrollment status
 - Inspection Report/Notice of Violation identifying corrective actions
 - History of Compliance Assistance
 - Orders issued by the Regional Water Board

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