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Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Draft Cleanup and Abatement and Investigative Order R3-2026-0071 for

**9500 Cultivators LLC, FF 9500 LLC, 9451 Cultivators LLC, Farming First
Holdings LLC, and Farming First LLC
Assessor Parcel Number 099-010-060
Santa Barbara County**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will accept public comments on Draft Cleanup and Abatement and Investigative Order R3-2026-0071 (Draft CAO). The Central Coast Water Board is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of the quality of the waters of the state. The purpose of this notification is to provide an opportunity to comment on the Draft CAO. Written comments are due by 5:00 PM on November 20, 2026. The Draft CAO and associated documents are available on the Central Coast Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/
see Draft CAO R3-2026-0071 and associated documents.

Copies of these documents are also available upon request by emailing
centralcoast.cannabis@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Background: The Draft CAO identifies FF 9500 LLC, Farming First LLC, Farming First Holdings LLC, 9451 Cultivators LLC, and 9500 Cultivators LLC, as responsible parties (hereinafter collectively referred to as Dischargers) for the discharge of waste associated with cannabis cultivation activities at 9500 Batchelder Road, Santa Barbara County, Assessor Parcel Number 099-010-060; based on provisions of Water Code section 13304, which authorizes the Central Coast Water Board to issue a cleanup and abatement order, and Water Code section 13267, which authorizes the Central Coast Water Board to issue investigative orders requiring the preparation and submittal of technical and monitoring reports.

The Draft CAO requires the Dischargers to clean up and abate the effects of waste associated with cannabis cultivation caused by construction and inadequate maintenance of disturbed areas, access roads, and cultivation areas, and the

resulting discharges and threatened discharges of sediment to surface waters of the state, and to eliminate the threat of future discharges to unnamed tributaries of San Antonio Creek.

Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board no later than 5:00 PM on **November 20, 2026**. Please electronically submit comments or questions with the subject line “**Comment Letter, 9500 Batchelder Draft CAO**” to: centralcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov

Written comments can also be mailed to:

Central Coast Water Board
Attn: Cannabis Regulatory Program
Comment Letter, 9500 Batchelder Draft CAO
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

STAFF CONTACT AND DOCUMENTS

Please direct questions pertaining to the Draft CAO to Aaron Katona at aaron.katona@waterboards.ca.gov or at (805) 542-4649.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The Draft CAO and associated documents are available in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options:

- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 445-5615
- Email the Office of Public Participation at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov