



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### Gualala Roads Assessment Order

*Matt Graves and Randy Lew*

#### Assessment Order Overview

The North Coast Water Board is developing the Gualala Roads Assessment Order, an informational order that will assess sediment pollution from rural roads in the Gualala River Watershed. The order, if adopted, would require certain landowners in the watershed to inventory, assess, and prioritize rural roads on their property and submit road treatment plans developed from the assessment findings. Landowners with ownership of 1,000 acres or more in the watershed would be subject to the order. A draft order will be available for public review **July 13 – August 14, 2026**. Implementation of road treatments identified through the Gualala Roads Assessment Order would not be a requirement of this order and is expected to be included in a regionwide roads order that will be developed through its own public process and considered by the Board for adoption in the future. Landowners in the Gualala are encouraged to implement roads treatments as early as possible.

#### Community Outreach

North Coast Water Board staff have conducted extensive outreach and public engagement during development of the Gualala Roads Assessment Order. In addition to meeting with landowners, coordinating with Tribes, and engaging a variety of interested parties, staff have held three community meetings and eight staff office hours to date.

Community meetings have focused on sharing summaries of the order framework, providing updates on technical work being completed by contractors, describing road assessment fundamentals, and offering a space for participants to share questions and concerns about the North Coast Water Board's approach to addressing sediment pollution from roads. Meetings have been held in-person, online, and in a hybrid format.

Staff office hours are unstructured meeting times during which the community is invited to share questions and comments about the Gualala Roads Assessment Order. Office hours have been held both online and in-person and have proven to be valuable avenues for community engagement.

## **Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities**

Several important opportunities for public engagement on the Gualala Roads Assessment Order will soon be available: (1) a community meeting, (2) upcoming staff office hours, (3) public review of the draft order, and (4) a public workshop to discuss the draft order.

- (1) A hybrid community meeting will be held at the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center on **Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Interested parties are invited to participate in-person or online. Details can be found at the [Gualala Roads Program webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/gualala_roads/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/gualala\\_roads/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/gualala_roads/)).
- (2) The next staff office hours will be held in **late June**: date and location to be determined. Join in-person to share questions or comments about the Gualala Roads Assessment Order. Details will be shared with subscribers to the Gualala River Watershed email list when available. Email subscriptions can be made at the [GovDelivery subscription page](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast) ([https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north\\_coast](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast)).
- (3) The draft Gualala Roads Assessment Order will be made available for public review and comment from **Monday, July 13, 2026 – Friday, August 14, 2026**. Instructions on providing comment on the draft order will be provided with the notice of public review that will be posted on the Gualala Roads Program webpage and shared with subscribers to the Gualala River Watershed email list on July 13, 2026.
- (4) During the review period for the Gualala Roads Assessment Order, a public workshop will be held at a special meeting of the North Coast Water Board on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**. The workshop will be held at the North Coast Water Board's Santa Rosa Office, with an option to view the meeting as a webcast or participate via Zoom. Staff will discuss the details of the draft order and receive public comment during this meeting.

Informational orders of this nature are usually issued by the Executive Officer under delegated authority and are not commonly brought to the North Coast Water Board for consideration. However, the scope of the Gualala Roads Assessment Order and level of interest it has garnered suggest that Board consideration will provide a benefit to the public. The North Coast Water Board will therefore hold a hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Gualala Roads Assessment Order in **December 2026**.

## **Contract-funded Work**

The Sonoma Resource Conservation District is contracted by the North Coast Water Board to support landowners in the Gualala River Watershed by conducting community outreach, preparing technical reports that will recommend assessment methodologies and funding prioritization, and providing landowner trainings on road improvement concepts and techniques.

Additionally, both the Sonoma Resource Conservation District and Pacific Watershed Associates are contracted to conduct on-the-ground road assessments free of charge for landowners subject to the Gualala Roads Assessment Order. Contract-funded assessment support is an optional service to help landowners mitigate the cost of order compliance. Funding for this assessment support is limited and landowners subject to the Gualala Roads Assessment Order are encouraged to contact Matt Graves at 707-576-2831 or [matt.graves@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:matt.graves@waterboards.ca.gov) to express their interest.

## **Regionwide Roads Order**

The North Coast Water Board is in the early stages of developing the separate but related regionwide roads order that, if adopted by the Board, would require the inventory, assessment, prioritization, and treatment of private, rural roads in the North Coast Region. As described above, this order is envisioned to be the implementation mechanism for the Gualala Roads Assessment Order but will be subject to a separate public engagement and Board adoption process. North Coast Water Board staff are now holding internal discussions to determine the scope and framework of the order. Public and Tribal engagement will begin in summer 2026, with a target Board adoption hearing in **spring 2029**.



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## **319(h) Planning Grant—Community Engagement in Trinity County Summary of the Post Mountain Road Sediment Reduction Project, Phase I**

***Michele Fortner***

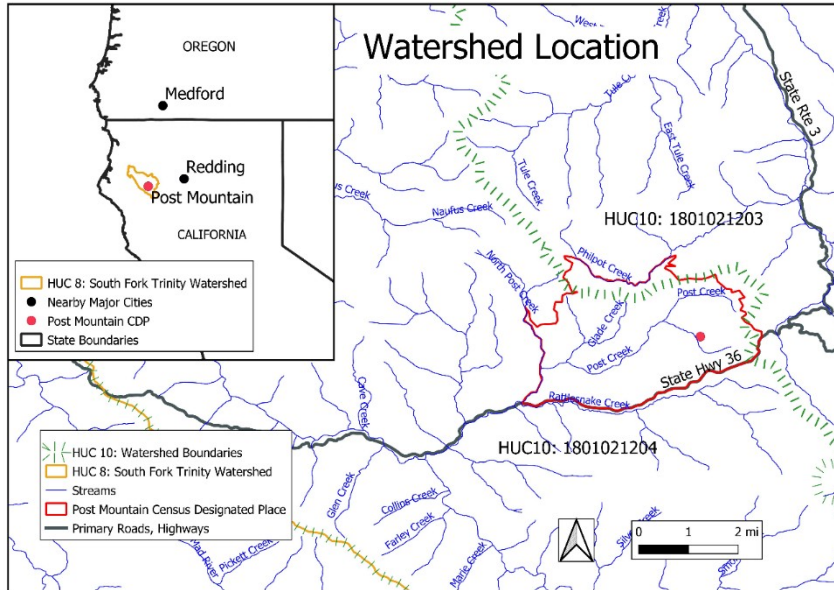
In 2023, Cannabis for Conservation received a \$126,390 planning grant from the State Water Resources Control Board through the 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program for the Post Mountain Road Sediment Reduction Project, Phase I, in the South Fork Trinity River watershed. Completed in March 2026, the project identified poorly maintained roads in the Post Mountain Public Utilities District and then developed plans for roadway improvements to reduce sediment delivery to streams, improve water quality and aquatic habitats, and enhance residential access.

North Coast Water Board staff's role in the 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program includes helping applicants to develop grant applications, reviewing and ranking applications statewide, and participating in the development and execution of grant agreements. North Coast Water Board staff manage individual grants and coordinate across programs on issues such as technical project review and permitting.

### **Watershed Description**

The 5-square-mile Post Mountain project area spans both the Middle South Fork Trinity River and Lower Hayfork Creek HUC 10 watersheds in the Klamath Mountains of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest (see Figure 1). Both watersheds drain into the South Fork Trinity River, which is a Clean Water Act 303(d) impaired watercourse due to excessive sediment and high temperatures. Despite the listing, the river serves as a critical cold-water habitat for struggling, federally listed fish species, including coho salmon and steelhead trout.

The local economy is driven by agriculture and natural resource extraction, particularly cannabis and timber. Land use consists of rural residential holdings and cannabis production, alongside open space and resource management. This region faces significant environmental pressures, including climate-driven wildfire and drought, stream dewatering for agriculture, erosion, and toxicant bioaccumulation in wildlife. These factors, combined with general human disturbance, continue to stress the area's ecological health.



**Figure 1: Post Mountain location**

**Background/Community**

Post Mountain is a rural community in Trinity County, California, with roughly 3,000 residents. The community is severely disadvantaged, with low household incomes and a significant population of Hmong residents, many with limited English proficiency.

The area also lacks basic utilities and has a long history of illegal cannabis cultivation. The Post Mountain Public Utility District maintains 26 miles of unpaved roads, all in poor condition due to limited funding (less than \$25,000 annually from property assessments). These deteriorated roads shed substantial amounts of sediment that wash into nearby streams, degrading water quality and aquatic habitat (see Figure 2).



**Figure 2: Typical deteriorated road in Post Mountain community**

## **Project Description**

The ultimate goal of the project, through all implementation phases, is to reduce sediment runoff into local streams while improving road access for residents and first responders. The 319(h)-funded portion of the project identified the necessary planning and permitting steps needed prior to implementing erosion control measures along 26 miles of roads.

Key project achievements included:

- Creation of a Sediment Source Inventory Report (field surveys to map sediment sources);
- Creation of a Sediment Site Treatment Plan for identification and prioritization of repairs across the entire 26-mile network. The identified treatments for this project included 1) road regrading to improve cross slopes and drainage for erosion prevention, 2) replacement, repair, and installation of stream crossing, ditch relief, and encroachment culverts, and 3) application of roadway rock surfacing;
- 60% development of engineering design plans for the highest priority roads and culverts;
- Acquisition of the necessary project permits to complete the identified treatments along five miles of road and at five culverted stream crossings; and
- Active community involvement through the grant term, including three Post Mountain Public Utilities District meetings to discuss project intent, solicit feedback and discuss results.

## **Community Engagement**

Community involvement was integral to the project. Public meetings, surveys, and outreach efforts were conducted in English and Hmong to gather feedback on road repair priorities. Residents

emphasized the importance of repairing heavily used roads and highlighted the need for annual road maintenance.

During the project, Cannabis for Conservation learned that the Hmong clans typically send a single representative to the project outreach meetings to represent the interests of many people. Once Cannabis for Conservation understood this communication dynamic, direct contact with family/clan leaders became pivotal to help better explain the project's goals and work with the community to promote and develop long-lasting solutions.

### **Next Steps**

The Cannabis for Conservation project team is actively seeking additional funding to continue planning and implementation for the remaining 21 miles of Post Mountain Public Utilities District roads. Future phases will address unmapped watercourses, infrastructure failures, and landslides. The team will also work to enhance community engagement and education on road maintenance and water quality. Cannabis for Conservation has recently hired two new staff who have experience in rural road assessments, roadway treatment design, and construction coordination. These skills will benefit the team and increase opportunities for success in future endeavors.

### **Conclusion**

Phase I of the Post Mountain Road Sediment Reduction Project has successfully identified sediment sources, developed prioritization criteria, and prepared design plans and permit applications for repairing high-priority road segments. These efforts will help improve water quality, enhance aquatic habitats, and provide safer access for residents and first responders. The project represents a critical step toward addressing long-standing road and environmental issues in Post Mountain.



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## **The California Department of Public Health's Pre-Harvest Shellfish Program and Commercial Shellfishing in Humboldt Bay, California** *Kelsey C. Cody, Ph.D. Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory)*

### **Shellfish Consumption and Public Health**

Humboldt Bay is one of California's most important estuarine systems for commercial shellfish aquaculture, particularly oysters. Oysters are typically eaten raw, and therefore present elevated risk of food-borne illness due to bacterial or viral contamination. In addition, oysters are filter feeders, and can absorb the toxins present in their food, particularly from harmful algal blooms (HABs).

In the United States, the need to regulate oysters for human consumption was recognized over 100 years ago. In 1925, the federal National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) was initiated for this purpose. Over time, the NSSP has informed state and international regulatory programs. In general, the regulatory thresholds implemented by the NSSP aim to achieve a rate of illness of less than 1 instance per 100,000 servings.

In California, regulation of shellfish for human consumption is undertaken by two programs within the California Department of Public Health (CDPH); the Pre-Harvest Shellfish Program (Pre-Harvest Program) under the Environmental Management Branch which regulates shellfish growing areas, and the CDPH Food and Drug Branch which regulates post-harvest food processing.

The Pre-Harvest Program coordinates with other state agencies, local government, and the shellfish industry to monitor the water quality in shellfish growing areas, implement harvest controls, and respond to emergency conditions. Core Program elements include:

- **Sanitary Surveys:** Identification of actual and potential pollution sources affecting shellfish growing waters.
- **Growing Area Classification:** Category designation of shellfish harvesting areas (e.g., Approved, Conditionally Approved, Restricted) based on water quality and pollution risk.
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** Routine sampling to evaluate bacterial indicators and ensure compliance with public health standards.
- **Emergency Response:** Rapid implementation of harvest closures in response to sewage spills, storm events, illness outbreaks, or other emergency conditions.
- **Biotoxin Monitoring:** Statewide testing for harmful algal bloom toxins (e.g., paralytic shellfish poisoning and domoic acid) using both seawater and shellfish tissue sampling.

The Pre-Harvest Program also operates one of the largest community science programs in the state to monitor for marine HABs. Over 100 volunteers routinely collect water samples and send them to the Pre-Harvest Program lab in Richmond, CA. The samples are then analyzed under a microscope by staff to assess the extent of HAB causing species. When staff detect elevated levels, they may require wild shellfish tissue samples from near where the water samples were collected or from farmed shellfish to determine if shellfish tissue has been impacted by the HAB. If the tissue is determined to be unsafe, further actions can be taken to protect public health, including coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to close recreational shellfish harvest.

### **Pre-Harvest Program in Humboldt Bay**

Humboldt Bay is one of four major commercial shellfish-producing regions in California and supports multiple aquaculture operations. The bay's northern sub-embayment, Arcata Bay, contains extensive oyster culture areas and is sensitive to the threat of bacterial, viral, and HAB toxin contamination. To assess this threat, water quality monitoring in Humboldt Bay focuses on:

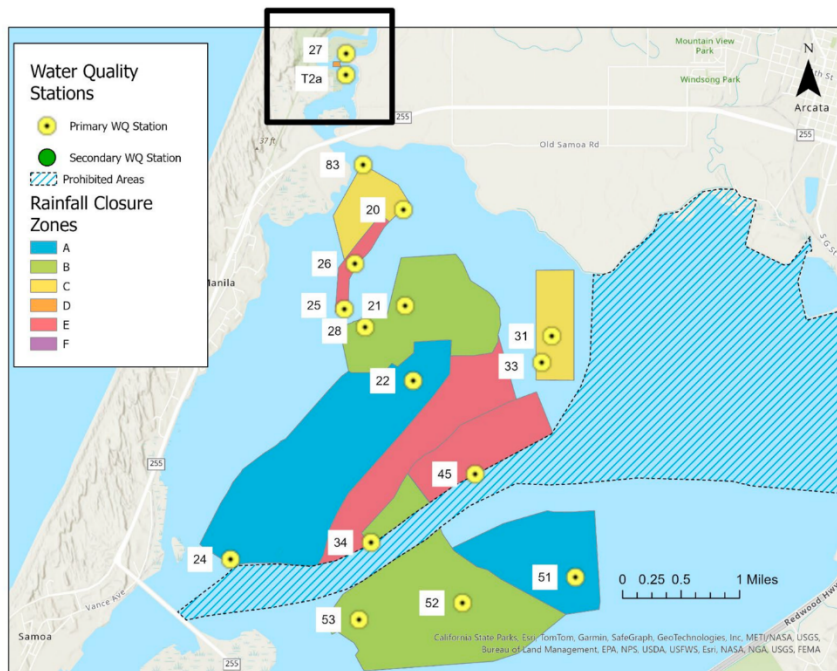
- **Fecal indicator bacteria:** Used to assess sanitary conditions and determine harvest area classification.
- **Viral indicators:** Used to assess sanitary conditions after a sanitary sewer overflow event has been abated.
- **Storm event sampling:** Elevated bacterial levels are commonly associated with runoff from agricultural lands and municipal stormwater systems.
- **Phytoplankton and toxin monitoring:** Weekly seawater sampling and shellfish testing, with more frequent testing during bloom events.

Monitoring results directly inform management actions. Humboldt Bay is classified as Conditionally Approved, meaning that shellfish harvest may occur under certain conditions, but may be closed to

harvest if these conditions are not met. These closures can be triggered by rainfall events, sewage spills or infrastructure failures, elevated domoic acid or paralytic shellfish poisoning toxin levels, and confirmed illness outbreaks, such as from Norovirus, or other emergency conditions.

The Management Plan for Commercial Shellfishing in Humboldt Bay, California (Plan) is updated annually by CDPH and contains protocols that involve the Regional Board related to emergency closures. Each year the Executive Officer is invited to sign a document agreeing to undertake the responsibilities assigned to the Regional Board by the Plan. The Plan calls on the Regional Board to notify CDPH of any discharge which may adversely affect water or shellfish quality in Humboldt Bay. The Plan also provides that the Regional Board will include spill notification requirements in permits issued to the sewage treatment plants of Arcata and Eureka.

Emergency closures are relatively rare compared to rainfall closures, the most common type of closure in Humboldt Bay growing areas. Figure 1 shows the closure zones and monitoring stations used to assess growing area water quality. Table 1 shows the specific rainfall criteria that can close each zone. Taken together, Figure 1 and Table 1 demonstrate the high degree of water quality specificity that controls shellfish harvest in Humboldt Bay.



**Figure 1. Rainfall Closure Zones and Water Quality monitoring stations in Humboldt Bay. Taken from the Management Plan for Commercial Shellfishing in Humboldt Bay, California. Note the large prohibited area that results from the discharge from the Arcata wastewater treatment plant.**

**Table 1. Rainfall closure criteria for the various closure zones in Humboldt Bay. Management Plan for Commercial Shellfishing in Humboldt Bay, California**

Rainfall Closure Area	Description of Area	Start Closure	24-Hour Cumulative Rainfall Threshold >	Closure Length = End of Storm plus	7-Day Cumulative Rainfall	
					If > 3.00 inches, add to closure:	If > 5.00 inches, add to closure:
A	PSH: Mad River Beds (South), Bird Island, East Bay Beds (East)	6 hours after the 24hour cumulative rainfall of 1.20" is exceeded	1.20 Inch	96 hrs (4 days)	24 hrs	48 hrs
B	PSH: Mad River Beds (North), East Bay Beds (West), Gunther Island, Sand Island Beds (South)	6 hours after the 24hour cumulative rainfall of 1.00" is exceeded	1.00 Inch	96 hrs (4 days)	24 hrs	48 hrs
C	ARF, HIOC, HBOC, NBSC: Parcel #1, Tract A, Mad River Channel Beds (North)	6 hours after the 24- hour cumulative rainfall of 0.50" is exceeded	0.50 Inch 0.75 Inch 1.00 Inch	72 hrs (3 days) 96 hrs (4 days) 120 hrs (5 days)	24 hrs 24 hrs 24 hrs	48 hrs 48 hrs 48 hrs
D	NBSC: Mad River Slough	The hour that the 24hour cumulative rainfall of 0.50" is exceeded	0.50 Inch 0.75 Inch 1.00 Inch	96 hrs (4 days) 120 hrs (5 days) 144 hrs (6 days)	24 hrs 24 hrs 24 hrs	48 hrs 48 hrs 48 hrs
E	HIOC, HBOC: Mad River Channel Beds (South), Tract A; PSH: Sand Island Beds (North)	6 hours after the 24hour cumulative rainfall of 0.70" is exceeded	0.70 Inch	120 hrs (5 days)	24 hrs	48 hrs
F	HBOC: Mad River Slough	The hour that the 24hour cumulative	0.50 Inch 0.75 Inch 1.00 Inch	120 hrs (5 days)	24 hrs 24 hrs 24 hrs	48 hrs 48 hrs 48 hrs

		rainfall of 0.50” is exceeded		144 hrs (6 days) 168 hrs (7 days)		
Extreme environmental conditions: Cumulative rainfall is greater than: i) 2.25 inches in a 24-hour period or ii) 6.00 inches in a 7day period when a 24-hour threshold is exceeded. See Section VIII.A.3. for reopening requirements.						

Reopening of harvest areas after a rainfall closure occurs only after one or more of the following: a predetermined closure period based on water quality studies has elapsed (see Table 1), after water quality sampling confirms compliance with NSSP criteria (see Figure 1 for water quality monitoring stations), or tissue toxin concentrations fall below federal action levels. This adaptive management approach ensures protection of public health while minimizing unnecessary disruption to the shellfish industry.

Shellfish aquaculture in Humboldt Bay has expanded significantly in recent years, with one company adding approximately 100 acres of cultivation in 2025. This growth underscores the importance of maintaining robust water quality monitoring programs, addressing watershed pollutant sources, and ensuring that harvest control measures remain effective under increased production.

**Conclusion**

The Pre-Harvest Program provides the primary regulatory framework for ensuring the safety of shellfish harvested from Humboldt Bay. That framework is implemented through the Management Plan for Commercial Shellfishing in Humboldt Bay, California and the Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan for Oysters in Commercial Shellfish Growing Areas of California. Through classification assessment, routine monitoring, and responsive harvest closures, the program effectively protects public health while supporting a significant aquaculture industry. As shellfish operations expand, coordinated efforts among CDPH, the Regional Water Board, and local stakeholders will be critical to maintaining water quality and protecting beneficial uses in Humboldt Bay.



# Enforcement Report for June 2026 Executive Officer’s Report

*Monica Bueno*

## Summary of Enforcement Actions issued between **March 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026**

Throughout the year, with support from the State Water Board’s Office of Enforcement (OE), North Coast Water Board staff (Staff) develop and manage enforcement cases starting informally through direct correspondence including issuing Notices of Violations (NOVs) and pursuing a progressive enforcement approach that results in formal enforcement actions such as Investigative Orders, Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs), and Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints. Once Staff determine that an enforcement action will result in the issuance of an ACL Complaint, the Enforcement Team prepares supporting evidence and provides the discharger(s) an opportunity to discuss the facts relating to the violations, including the option of settlement.

Table 1 summarizes NOVs and Staff Enforcement Letters. Table 2 summarizes CAOs, Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), regulatory directives, and No Further Action Letters (NFAs). Table 3 summarizes proposed and adopted CDOs and Time Schedule Orders (TSOs) as well as ACL Complaints, ACL Orders, settlement negotiations pending the adoption of a final Stipulated ACL Order, and the status of Compliance Projects (CPs) and Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs).

During this reporting period:

- Staff issued:
  - 14 NOVs,
  - One (1) Staff Enforcement Letter, and
  - One (1) CAO with Investigative Order requirements;
- Staff continued six (6) settlement negotiations with dischargers; and
- The North Coast Water Board adopted two (2) ACL Orders.

### Table notes and other acronyms:

Basin Plan	Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region
CSD	Community Services District
WPCAA	Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account
MMPs	Mandatory Minimum Penalties
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
WDRs	Waste Discharge Requirements

**Table 1. NOVs and Staff Enforcement Letters Issued Between March 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026**

**To view and download NOVs and other enforcement actions, go to:**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html)

**Select Interactive Violation Reports > select Display Results > select Date Range (of violation or action) > select Run Report.**

Then select the linked violations next to the region and select the facility of interest below the Facility column. NOVs can be found under the Enforcement Action drop-down menu and are often hyperlinked as "null". **Select null to download an NOV.**

**For Groundwater Cleanups** go to [GeoTracker](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/). Search the facility by name or address > select facility from the dropdown menu > select Regulatory Activities > within Regulatory Activities Action Type Filter select enforcement/orders.

If you have any questions on this database or current enforcement actions within the North Coast Region, please contact North Coast Water Board Enforcement Coordinator Jeremiah Puget at [Jeremiah.Puget@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeremiah.Puget@waterboards.ca.gov) or 707-576-2835.

Facility Name	Agency	City	County	Program	Action Date	Reg Meas ID
Viavi Solutions	Tony Bireschi	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	Groundwater	3/6/2026	N/A
Cheng Property	Cheng, Cher Moua	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	3/8/2026	TBD
43640 Dr Fine Bridge Replacement	Caltrans District 01	Fort Dick	Del Norte	Stormwater	3/9/2026	S469720
THP 1-20EM-00125 SON Fox Meadows Emergency Notice	Ken Bareilles	Healdsburg	Sonoma	Timber Harvest	3/11/2026	464568
Santa Rosa Laguna Subregional Water Reclamation Facility	Santa Rosa City Dept of Public Works	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	Wastewater	3/11/2026	464884
Chee	Vang, CheeMeng	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	3/25/2026	464778
Chue Vang	Vang, Chue	Post Mountain	Trinity	Cannabis	3/25/2026	464708
Tong Yang Properties	Yang, Tong and Stephanie	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	3/26/2026	464709
Tong Yang Properties	Yang, Tong	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	3/26/2026	464776
Bridgeville Quarry	Mercer-Fraser Company	Bridgeville	Humboldt	Stormwater/ Timber	4/1/2026	S469955
CDOT Trinidad Safety Roadside Rest Area, Northbound RV Dump	Caltrans	Trinidad	Humboldt	Groundwater (Staff Enforcement Letter)	4/1/2026	TBD
Richard Wood	Cali Tree LLC	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	4/2/2026	464701
Scotia Cogeneration Plant	Humboldt Sawmill Company	Scotia	Humboldt	Wastewater	4/9/2026	464839

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<b>Farms of Trinity Forest</b>	Farms of Trinity Forest	Hayfork	Trinity	Cannabis	4/21/2026	464923
<b>Yang Pao Vang Property</b>	Vang, Yang Pao		Trinity	Cannabis	4/23/2026	TBD

Figure 1: NOVs Issued Between March 1, 2026 and April 30, 2026

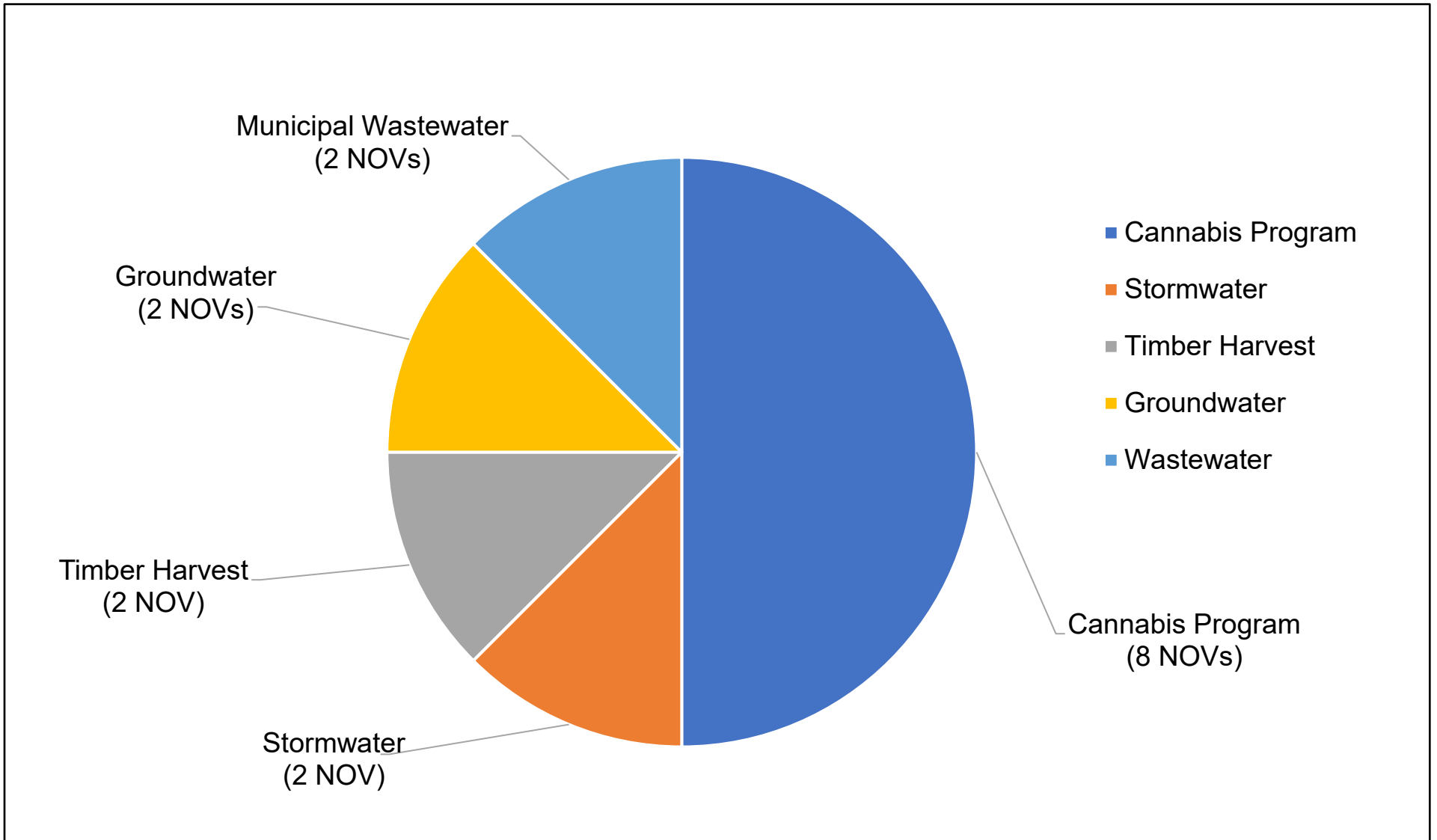
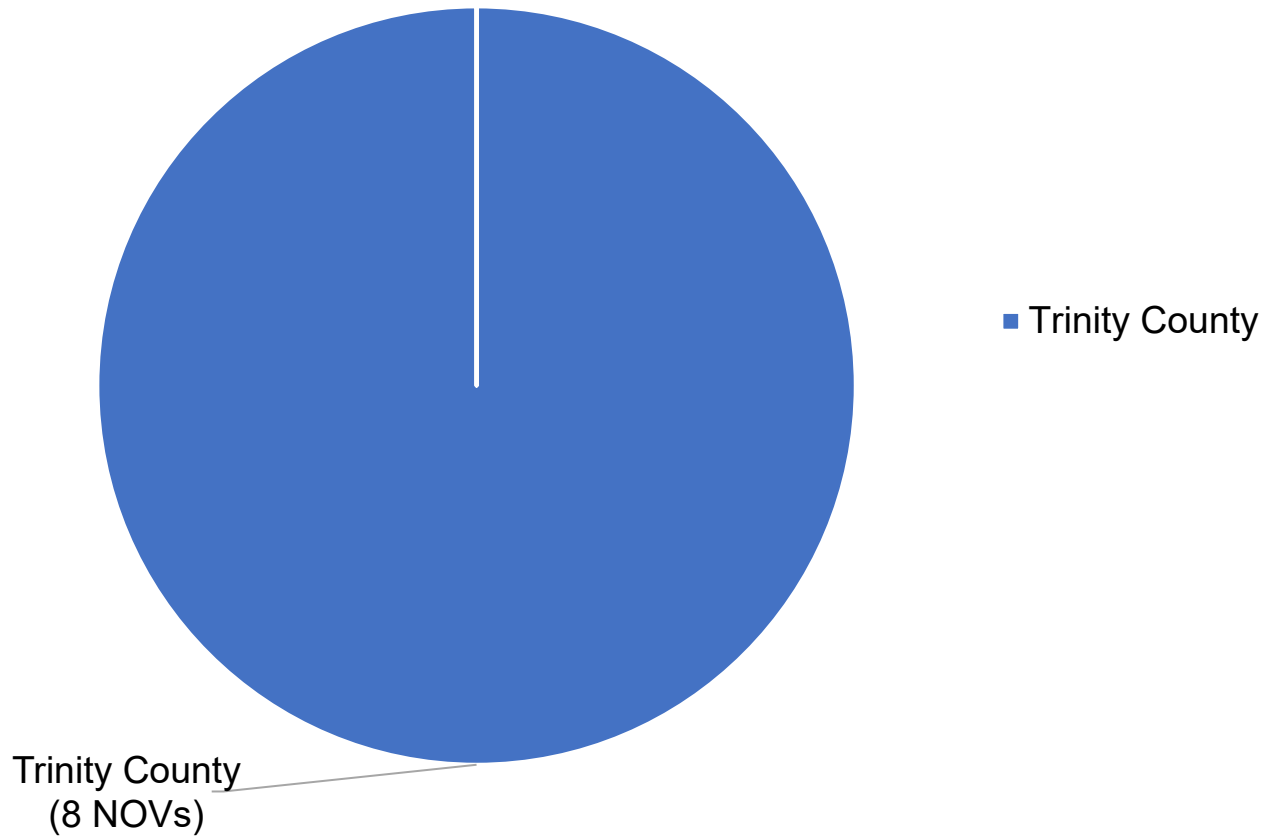


Figure 2: Cannabis NOVs Issued Between March 1, 2026 and April 30, 2026 by County



**Table 2.**

**Investigative Orders (13267/13383 Orders), Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAOs), Compliance Notices & Directives, Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs), and No Further Action Letters (NFA) Issued Between March 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026**

Date Issued	Action	Owner/ OperatorName	County	Watershed	Program	Cause for Action
4/28/2026	CAO and Investigative Order	Elayyan, Shadi	Mendocino	Eel River	Cannabis	R1-2026-0026. This order directs the Responsible Party to decommission or correct roads and stream crossings, stabilize riparian areas, and clean up and abate the discharge of waste into tributaries to the Upper Main Eel River.

**Table 3.**  
**Time Schedule Orders (TSOs), Cease and Desist Order (CDOs), Administrative Civil Liability (ACLs),  
 Stipulated Orders, and Settlement Discussions (Underway or Completed)**

Discharger	Program	Violation Type	Proposed Liability Amount	Comments	Status as of April 30, 2026 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Jorge Sanchez Herrera Property</b>	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2025-0043 Required Actions Nos. 1 through 4 by November 15, 2025.	\$50,000	<b>ACL Order No. R1-2026-0028</b> issued on April 22, 2026.	The North Coast Water Board adopted the proposed liability in <b>ACL Order R1-2026-0028</b> at the April 15, 2026 Board meeting. Billing has been initiated. This matter is ongoing.
<b>Pedro Martinez Garcia</b>	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2025-0047 Required Actions Nos. 1 by November 14, 2025.	\$50,000	<b>ACL Order No. R1-2026-0027</b> issued on April 22, 2026.	The North Coast Water Board adopted the proposed liability in <b>ACL Order R1-2026-0027</b> at the April 15, 2026 Board meeting. Billing has been initiated. This matter is ongoing.

<sup>1</sup> Public hearing notices on pending enforcement actions can be found at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public\\_notices/public\\_hearings/enforcement\\_hearings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/enforcement_hearings/).

More information on ACL Complaints and ACL Orders can be found online at the Regional Water Boards Adopted Orders Page: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/) or at the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Public Reports Portal: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.html).

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<b>Margarita Andrade</b>	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2025-0016 Required Actions Nos. 1 through 4 by April 30, 2025.	\$25,000	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0042</b> issued September 8, 2025. Violation period: June 3, 2025, through June 8, 2025.	Staff determined that the Discharger has substantially complied with the CAO. Staff continues to work with the Discharger to resolve remaining violations. This ACLC was withdrawn on October 9, 2025, and staff continue to oversee the remaining compliance issues. This matter is ongoing.
<b>Aaron Lieberman</b>	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0047 Required Action No. 1 submittal of a CRMP by November 8, 2024.	\$55,176	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0033</b> issued September 8, 2025. Violation Period: November 9, 2024, through May 23, 2025.	The Discharger and Prosecution Team have reached a settlement agreement. The proposed Stipulate Order is posted for a 30-day comment period between May 6 and June 5, 2026 <sup>2</sup> .

<sup>2</sup> Notices of proposed settlement can be found at this website:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public\\_notices/notice\\_of\\_proposed\\_settlement/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/notice_of_proposed_settlement/)

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<b>Crescent City WWTF</b>	Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$228,000	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0034</b> issued August 26, 2025. Violation Period: January 1, 2024, through August 1, 2025	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.
<b>Fort Bragg City WWTP</b>	Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$48,000	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0023</b> issued on June 17, 2025. Violation Period: March 15, 2023, to May 1, 2025.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.
<b>Michael Harding</b>	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0054 Required Action Nos. 1 and 2 submittals of a CRW by November 17, 2024, and a CRMP by April 15, 2025.	\$66,469	<b>ACL Order No. R1-2025-0031</b> issued on August 26, 2025.	The North Coast Water Board adopted <b>ACL Order R1-2025-0031</b> at the August 14, 2025 Board meeting. This matter has been referred to collections.
<b>Yesenia and Raul Carrillo</b>	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2024-0034 Required Action No. 1 submittal of a CRMP by September 15, 2024.	\$55,335	<b>ACL Order No. R1-2025-0006</b> issued on May 28, 2025.	On May 7, 2025, the North Coast Water Board adopted the <b>ACL Order No. R1-2025-0006</b> . This matter has been referred to collections.

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Sexton Properties, LLC	Cannabis	Failure to comply with CAO R1-2023-0054 Required Actions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6; for developing a cleanup plan, winterizing the site, and implementing and finishing a cleanup plan.	\$184,009	<b>Time Schedule Order and Informational Order R1-2025-0020</b> issued on May 8, 2025. Violation Period: January 14, 2024, to February 18, 2025.	On May 8, 2025, the North Coast Water Board adopted the proposed Time Schedule Order. The Discharger responded and complied with the first required action. Staff has reviewed the plan and subsequent amendments and has provided the package to the Executive Officer for review and concurrence. The Order deadline has been extended to October 31, 2026. This matter is ongoing.
City of Fortuna – Wastewater Treatment Plant	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$48,000	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0033A</b> issued on October 30, 2024. Violation Period: April 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.

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<b>City of Loleta – Wastewater Treatment Plant</b>	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$672,000	<b>Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2025-0052</b> issued on 10/29/2025. Violation Period: March 15, 2018, to June 30, 2025.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days, and settlement discussions are ongoing.
<b>Samoa WWTP</b>	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$33,000	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2024-0049</b> issued on September 9, 2024. Violation Period: March 22, 2023, to December 31, 2023.	The Discharger has formally waived its right to a hearing within 90 days. Settlement discussions are ongoing.
<b>City Ventures Homebuilding, LLC- Fox Hollow Development Site</b>	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Construction General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum BMPs resulting in the unauthorized discharge of sediment laden stormwater to Peterson Creek, a tributary to Russian River.	\$833,316	<b>Stipulated Order No. R1-2024-0042</b> adopted on September 10, 2024.	The Discharger has paid \$417,316 to the WPCAA and \$416,000 to the Laguna Foundation for implementation of the Petersen Creek Vernal Pool Restoration SEP. According to the Q4 2025 all project activities are aligned with project timelines and reporting requirements. The remaining invasive species management

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					and biotic restoration will conclude in Fall 2027.
<b>BoDean Company, Inc.- Mark West Quarry Site</b>	NPDES Stormwater	Violation of Industrial General Permit requirements including failure to implement effective and adequate minimum and advanced BMPs resulting in the discharge of 10.5 million gallons of sediment laden stormwater to Porter Creek, a tributary to the Russian River.	\$8,589,406	<b>Amended ACL Complaint No. R1-2021-0047-A</b> was issued on September 14, 2023, and includes an increased potential liability for additional violations that occurred after the first ACL complaint was issued on September 10, 2021. Violation Period: December 2018 – January 2023.	On April 2, 2025, the North Coast Water Board adopted ACL Order R1-2025-0017 for \$126,969. BoDean has paid the liability in full. On May 2, 2025, the Office of Enforcement (OE) requested that the State Water Board review the Regional Board’s Order. On June 17, 2025, the North Coast Water Board submitted a response, respectfully requesting that the State Water Board deny OE’s request.
<b>City of Arcata – Wastewater Treatment Facility</b>	NPDES Wastewater	NPDES Permit Effluent Limit Violations subject to MMPs.	\$447,000	<b>Stipulated Order No. R1-2025-0037</b> was issued on November 12, 2025.	Order No. R1-2025-0037 is a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of

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					Administrative Civil Liability Order which resolves penalties for violations of North Coast Water Board Order No. R1-2019-0006 from February 12/2020 through June 30, 2025. A successful Compliance Project was completed on December 15, 2025. A Supplemental Environmental Project is expected to be completed by September 31, 2027.
<p align="center"><b>Hugh Reimers and Krasilsa Pacific Farms LLC</b></p>	<p align="center">Non-Point Source Program Complaint Response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basin Plan Section 4.2.1.</li> <li>- Water Code Section 13376.</li> <li>- CAO Required Actions 5 &amp; 9 for failure to submit an acceptable Restoration, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan.</li> </ul>	<p align="center">\$3,750,852</p>	<p><b>Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0045</b> was adopted on August 22, 2023, and imposes a \$450,000 liability.</p>	<p>On April 15, 2026, North Coast Water Board received a Notice of Substantial Completion. Staff are currently reviewing the submittal. This matter is ongoing.</p>

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<b>Ken Bareilles</b>	Southern Non-Point Source and Forestry Program	- Discharges of waste into waters of the state in violation of Categorical Waiver and Basin Plan.  - <b>CAO R1-2022-0009</b> Required Action No. 1 for failure to submit plan by deadline.  - <b>CAO R1-2022-0028</b> Required Action No. 1 for failure to submit plan.	\$276,000	<b>ACL Complaint No. R1-2023-0026</b> issued on March 20, 2023, covering the period between December 1, 2020, and March 20, 2023. Based on violations of CAOs, Basin Plan Prohibitions, and Categorical Waiver conditions while conducting timber harvest activities on the property.	<b>ACL Order No. R1-2023-0040</b> was adopted by the North Coast Water Board on June 16, 2023. The Discharger was required to complete cleanup work on the property by September 29, 2023. The Discharger litigated the Order and the Court of Appeal found in favor of the Water Boards. The judgement against Bareilles stands. Billing for the outstanding liability has been issued. This matter is ongoing.
<b>Russian River CSD and Sonoma Water Agency</b>	NPDES Wastewater	Violations of the Sanitary Sewer Order including unauthorized discharge of 885,664 gallons of raw sewage from the Russian River CSD collection system to the Russian River.	\$1,033,546	<b>Order No. R1-2023-0049</b> includes Enhanced Compliance Action for a study to evaluate regional projects that aim to improve water quality, water supply reliability, and climate change resiliency in the	<b>Stipulated Order No. R1-2023-0049</b> was adopted on December 20, 2023. The Discharger paid the liability and awarded the Feasibility Study Consultant Agreements for the Enhanced

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				Russian River watershed. The Enhanced Compliance Action would cost \$887,000, and \$147,001 would be paid to the WPCAA.	Compliance Action to West Yost during a Sonoma County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 26, 2024. The Discharger and its consultant have held five stakeholder meetings to gather public input on regional wastewater management priorities and alternatives. The Feasibility Report was received by the North Coast Water Board on November 26, 2025. The final report is due in October 2026. This matter is ongoing.

## Projected List of Future Regional Water Board Agenda Items

The following is a list of Regional Water Board agenda items that staff are planning for the next two Board meetings. **This list of agenda items is intended for general planning purposes and is subject to change.** Questions regarding the listed agenda items should be addressed to the identified staff person.

### July 23, 2026 – Santa Rosa, CA

- Workshop on Gualala Roads 13267 [W]

### August 5-6, 2026 – Crescent City, CA

- Smith River Lily Bulb Order Adoption Hearing [A] (*Brenna Sullivan*)
- Cloverdale NPDES Permit [A] (*Justin McSmith*)
- Tentative Time Schedule Order [A]

### October 1-2, 2026 – Yreka, CA

- Update on Outstanding National Resource Waters Project [I] (*Matt St. John*)
- Information item on Public Trust [I] (*Nathan Jacobsen*)
- Scott/Shasta WDR Workshop [W] (*Eli Scott*)
- Renewal of Scott and Shasta Waiver [A] (*Eli Scott*)
- Rescission Order for NPDES Individual Enrollees prior to General Order enrollment [A] (*Matt Herman*)
- Rescission of Nordic Aquafarm NPDES Permit [A] (*Justin McSmith*)
- Tour of Fall Creek Hatchery [I]

