



State Water Resources Control Board

May 5, 2026

Dear Parties:

This letter transmits Order WR 2026-0001-AHO, the final order of the State Water Resources Control Board's Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) in the matter of alleged Water Code violations by Jose M. Alvarez and Vicente Lopez (Respondents). The AHO adopts and issues this final order under Water Code section 1114, subdivision (b), which authorizes the hearing officer to issue a final order in a proceeding for administrative civil liability under Water Code section 1847.

The order directs the Respondents to submit payment in the amount of \$18,500, made payable to the "State Water Resources Control Board – Water Rights Fund," within 30 days of the date of the order. The payment shall be sent to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: Cannabis Enforcement Section
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

If you have questions about compliance with this order, please contact the Cannabis Registration Unit e-mail inbox at cannabisreg@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Peter Hollingshead at pete.hollingshead@waterboards.ca.gov, which is the information contained in the 2024 Notice of Violation.

No later than 30 days after May 5, 2026, the date the AHO adopted this order, Respondents or any interested party may file a petition with the Board for reconsideration of the order for any of the following reasons as described in Water Code section 1122 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 768: (a) irregularity in the proceedings, or any ruling, or abuse of discretion, by which the person was prevented from having a fair hearing; (b) the decision or order is not supported by substantial evidence; (c) there is relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced; or (d) error in law.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To file a petition for reconsideration, Respondents may email it to the AHO at AdminHrgOffice@waterboards.ca.gov and copy the enclosed service list for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicole L. Kuenzi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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