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## State Water Resources Control Board

SEP 26 2023

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Joseph Catalano

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### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

*Investigation ID: 15097*

#### **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS INSPECTION OF TRINITY COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER (APN) 011-340-071-000**

*Joseph Catalano,*

*On August 1, 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. Division staff observed ground water as the sole source of water in use on the property.*

*You are identified as the property owner for Mendocino County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 011-340-071-000 This Notice of Violation (NOV) provides you notice that at the time of inspection of your property division staff found violation(s) of the California Water Code (WC) and the State Water Board's Cannabis Cultivation Policy (Policy) requirements. The purpose of this letter is to gather information and the potential for administrative enforcement action. This letter is your notice that you are in violation of the WC and Policy. You must take immediate action to come into compliance or risk civil liability.*

*On August 1, 2023, Division staff found the following violations of a Principle, Guideline, or Requirement established in the State Water Board's Cannabis Policy, Attachment A., pursuant to WC section 13149:*

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

1. **Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 92** - Water Storage Facility Without Device to Prevent Water Overflow.
2. **Cannabis Cultivation Policy, Section 2, Term 93** - Failure to Secure Tank Openings to Prevent Entry and Entrapment of Wildlife.
3. **Cannabis Cultivation Policy Section 2, Term 98** - Failure to Maintain Daily Records of Water Use for Cannabis Irrigation.

You must also send photographic proof and/or other documentation that supports your corrective actions taken for all violations. You can submit your documents through the State Water Board's Cannabis Compliance Response Portal referenced at the end of this report.

This letter is your notice of the above-mentioned WC and Policy requirements. Your response to the allegations listed in this notice is required and should be submitted in a timely manner. The State Water Board has discretion when considering an enforcement action and shall consider your corrective actions taken in response to this notice in determining whether and what civil liability is appropriate for violations. Therefore, this matter requires your immediate attention.

To facilitate your response, we are providing you with an Investigation Identification Number (Investigation ID No. listed below), which you can use to respond electronically. You can also contact Division staff by phone or by email provided at the bottom of this notice letter. To use your Investigation ID No., follow the steps provided below.

**Investigation ID No. 15097**

- Step one:** Go to the State Water Board's Cannabis Cultivation Programs Portal at:  
<https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/CGO/>
- Step two:** Register or login to your account
- Step three:** Under survey Click "New" for the "Division of Water Rights Cannabis Compliance Response Portal."
- Step four:** When you fill out your response to this NOV use the Assessor Parcel Number listed in this NOV in Part I.
- Step five:** Additionally, in your response use the Investigation ID listed above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Zyruss Edjan at (916) 917-3867 or via e-mail at [zyruss.edjan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:zyruss.edjan@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Zyruss Edjan, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,

*Zyruss Edjan*

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