



**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES**

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November 19, 2019

Department of Transportation  
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Building Inspection - Ukiah  
Forestry Advisor

Air Quality Management  
Sonoma State University  
CalFire – Prevention  
CalFire – Resource Management

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Cloverdale Rancheria  
Redwood Valley Rancheria  
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

**CASE#:** CANN\_2019-0007

**DATE FILED:** 10/31/2019

**OWNER:** SIGNAL RIDGE HOLDINGS LLC

**APPLICANT:** CHRISTOPHER BUTLER & COURTNEY BAILEY

**AGENT:** SCOTT WARD

**REQUEST:** Administrative Permit for a large mixed light (Type 2B-10,000 sq. ft.; AG\_2018-0298) permit for cannabis cultivation of no more than 10,000 sq. ft.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically Exempt

**LOCATION:** 3.2± miles west of Philo town center, lying on the east side of Signal Ridge Road (CR 133), 1.5± miles south east of its intersection with Philo Greenwood Road (CR 132), located at 7041 Signal Ridge Rd., Philo (APN: 026-392-06).

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 5

**STAFF PLANNER:** MARK CLISER

**RESPONSE DUE DATE:** December 3, 2019

**PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:**

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-agency-referrals>

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to [pbs@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:pbs@mendocinocounty.org). Please note the case number and name of the project coordinator with all correspondence to this department.

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

- ☐ No comment at this time.
- ☐ Recommend conditional approval (attached).
- ☐ Applicant to submit additional information (attach items needed, or contact the applicant directly, copying Planning and Building Services in any correspondence you may have with the applicant)
- ☐ Recommend denial (Attach reasons for recommending denial).
- ☐ Recommend preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (attach reasons why an EIR should be required).
- ☐ Other comments (attach as necessary).

**REVIEWED BY:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**APN/S:** 026-392-06-00

**PARCEL SIZE:** 37.04± acres

**GENERAL PLAN:** FL160:

**ZONING:** FL:160

**EXISTING USES:** Residential; Cannabis

**DISTRICT:** Supervisorial District 5 (Haschak)

**RELATED CASES:** BP\_2019-0027 (Metal Building 1); BP\_2019-0017 – 0026 (Hoop Houses 1 – 10)

	<u>ADJACENT GENERAL PLAN</u>	<u>ADJACENT ZONING</u>	<u>ADJACENT LOT SIZES</u>	<u>ADJACENT USES</u>
<b>NORTH:</b>	FL160	TP:160	80± acres	Institutional
<b>EAST:</b>	FL160	TP:160	80± acres	Institutional
<b>SOUTH:</b>	FL160	TP:160	1.93±; 40±; 1.9± acres	Institutional
<b>WEST:</b>	FL160	TP:160	20±; 20± acres	Institutional

<u>REFERRAL AGENCIES</u>		
<u>LOCAL</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry Advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Management District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonoma State University	<u>TRIBAL</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Division Ukiah	<u>STATE</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloverdale Rancheria
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Transportation (DOT)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALFIRE (Land Use)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redwood Valley Rancheria
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health (EH Ukiah)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALFIRE (Resource Management)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

STAFF PLANNER: MARK CLISER

DATE: 11/6/2019

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

1. MAC:

GIS

NA

2. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE:

CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS

High

3. FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA:

CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS

Calfire

4. FARMLAND CLASSIFICATION:

GIS

Grazing / Rural Residential & Rural Commercial

5. FLOOD ZONE CLASSIFICATION:

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

NO

6. COASTAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE AREA:

Coastal Groundwater Study/GIS

NA

7. SOIL CLASSIFICATION:

Mendocino County Soils Study Eastern/Western Part

Western

8. PYGMY VEGETATION OR PYGMY CAPABLE SOIL:

LCP maps, Pygmy Soils Maps; GIS

NA

9. WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT:

GIS/Mendocino County Assessor’s Office

NO

10. TIMBER PRODUCTION ZONE:

GIS

NO

11. WETLANDS CLASSIFICATION:

GIS

NA

12. EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE:

Earthquake Fault Zone Maps; GIS

NO

13. AIRPORT LAND USE PLANNING AREA:

Airport Land Use Plan; GIS

NO

14. SUPERFUND/BROWNFIELD/HAZMAT SITE:

GIS; General Plan 3-11

NO

15. NATURAL DIVERSITY DATABASE:

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Rarefind Database/GIS

NO

16. STATE FOREST/PARK/RECREATION AREA ADJACENT:

GIS; General Plan 3-10

NA

17. LANDSLIDE HAZARD:

Hazards and Landslides Map; GIS; Policy RM-61; General Plan 4-44

NA

18. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:

Policy RM-7; General Plan 4-34

NA

19. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER:

[www.rivers.gov](http://www.rivers.gov) (Eel Only); GIS

NA

20. SPECIFIC PLAN/SPECIAL PLAN AREA:

Various Adopted Specific Plan Areas; GIS

NA

21. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIRED:

Policy

NA

22. OAK WOODLAND AREA:

USDA

NA

23. HARBOR DISTRICT:

Sec. 20.512

NA



Department of  
Planning and Building  
Services

Case No:	Can-2019-0007
CalFire No:	
Cultivation No:	AG-2018-0298
Fee:	\$1632.00
Receipt No:	
Received By:	M. Cliser
Date Filed:	10-31-19
Office use only	

## Application for Cannabis Administrative Permit

### ☒ ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT (AP)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Type C-A Cottage Indoor (500 ft <sup>2</sup> )  | <input type="checkbox"/> Setback Reduction Request               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waive RR:10 Housing Requirement                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TPZ or FL (Type 1 or Type 2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acreage (3.5 Acres-4.9 Acres: Type 1 Allowance) | <input type="checkbox"/> RR5 (3.5-4.9 Acres) Waive Sunset        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acreage (7.0 Acres-9.9 Acres: Type 2 Allowance) |  |

### APPLICANT(S)

Name: Christopher Butler, Courtney Bailey Phone: 415-994-5297  
Mailing PO Box 140  
Address: +  
City: Philo State/Zip: CA 95466 email: info@givingtreefarms.org

### PROPERTY OWNER

Name: Signal Ridge Holdings LLC (Christopher Butler & Courtney Bailey) Phone: Chris: 415-994-5297 or Courtney: 707-472-6772  
Mailing PO Box 140  
Address:  
City: Philo State/Zip: CA 95466 email: info@givingtreefarms.org

### AGENT

Name: Scott Ward Phone: 707-272-8432  
Mailing 8888 East Road  
Address:  
City: Redwood Valley State/Zip: CA 95470 email: scott@scottwardcompany.com

Parcel Size: 37.04 acres

Address of Property: 7041 Signal Ridge Road, Philo, CA 95466

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 026-392-06

### TYPE OF CULTIVATION PERMIT:

Size ↓	Type of Permit →	OUTDOOR	INDOOR	MIXED LIGHT
Small: (≤2500 ft <sup>2</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> C-A (≤500 ft <sup>2</sup> ) <input type="checkbox"/> C-A (501 – 2500 ft <sup>2</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> C-B	
Medium: (2501 – 5000 ft <sup>2</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-A	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-B	
Large: (5001 – 10,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-B	
Nursery: (≤12,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	

I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and accurate. I have attached the Consent of Landowner form because I am not the property owner of the parcel on which the cultivation site is located.

	10/30/19		10/30/19
Signature of Applicant/Agent	Date	Signature of Owner	Date

## CULTIVATION SITE & PROJECT DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Does the proposed cultivation site meet the following setbacks?

☒ YES

☐ NO

- 1,000 feet from all youth-oriented facilities, schools, parks, churches, or residential treatment facilities.

☒ FOR OUTDOOR AND MIXED LIGHT CULTIVATION SITES

- 100 feet from any legal residential structure located on a separate legal parcel.
- 50 feet from any adjoining legal parcel under separate ownership.
- If in mobile home park, 100 feet from an occupied mobile home under separate ownership.

☐ FOR INDOOR CULTIVATION SITES

- Any building property line setbacks.

2. Is the cultivation site visible from any public right of way or publically traveled private road?

☐ YES

☒ NO

3. Please describe the project site. Include improvements such as structures, wells, septic systems, grading, vegetation removal, roads, etc.

The parcel is located at the end of the ridge. We own the three (3) surrounding parcels for a total of 200+ acres. We have a groundwater well on the property. The building applications have been submitted for the ten (10) hoops houses and one (1) AG Exempt metal building. CalFire has issued conditions of approval, CDFW and the Water Board have been finalized as well. A nursery permit was submitted on October 4 before the Phase 1 deadline for resource lands phased our property out due to zoning.

According to the tax assessor property profile the two structures on the south end have been on the property since the 40s and the mobile home is assumed to have been permitted in the late 90s or early 2000s.

4. Will the development of the proposed cultivation site be phased?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If YES, please describe the phases briefly.

Phase 1 of the project will focus the hoop houses and metal building. As we begin to become solvent, we plan to transition the AG Exempt structures to F-1 and commercial greenhouses. We are fully prepared to bring the property into full ADA compliance over the next 3 years in an incremental approach and potentially hire 1-2 employees. A CalOSHA site inspection has been conducted and we had a first responder map, portable toilet, handwashing station, eyewash station, first aid kit, heat & illness protection program and illness & injury protection program for AF Farm Labor Contractors.

5. How will you dispose of hazardous, natural (trimmings), or other (plastics) materials from the cultivation site?

We have a Waste Management plan approved by CDFA and we use Solid Waste of Willits for all of our commercial trash and non-cannabis waste or we take the transfer station.

6. Have you constructed in the past, are constructing, or plan to construct any roads? Grading?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If YES, please complete the following:

- A. Amount of cut: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards
- B. Amount of fill: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards
- C. Maximum height of cut slope: \_\_\_\_\_ feet
- D. Maximum height of fill slope: \_\_\_\_\_ feet
- E. Amount being imported/exported: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards
- F. Location of borrow/disposal: ☐ ON-SITE ☐ OFF-SITE

7. In order to develop the proposed cultivation site, will it be necessary to:

	YES	NO
A. Remove oak species or commercial tree species?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B. Make substantial changes in terrain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Connect to existing water district?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Connect to existing sewer district?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. Install a septic system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
F. Connect to existing septic system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G. Install an individual well?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

H. OTHER (Explain)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please provide an inventory of the structures on the property. If additional space is needed, please provide a separate sheet. Please note improvements may be subject to permit requirements. Please include size of structures.

1. (10) 20' x 50' hoop houses
2. (1) 20' x 50' metal support building
3. (1) mobile home (circa 1990s)
4. (1) barn/garage (circa 1940s)
5. (1) cabin (circa 1940s)
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are there any contiguous properties and/or projects (unrelated to cannabis) under your ownership? ☒ YES ☐ NO

10. Will the proposed cultivation site convert land currently or previously used for agriculture? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, how much land is being converted? \_\_\_\_\_ ( ft<sup>2</sup> / acres )

11. Will the proposed cultivation site require the construction of a pond OR will it involve diking, filling, or dredging?

☒ NO

☐ YES, the project will involve:

<input type="checkbox"/> Construction of a pond	- a total of _____ cubic yards will be moved
<input type="checkbox"/> Diking	- a total of _____ cubic yards will be moved
<input type="checkbox"/> Filling	- a total of _____ cubic yards will be moved
<input type="checkbox"/> Dredging	- a total of _____ cubic yards will be moved

12. Briefly describe the surrounding properties including vegetation, animals, structures, and/or cultural/historic assets.

Apple and pear orchards, forest, meadows and pastures, chicken coops, cabin and barn circa 1940s, no cultural or historic assets.

13. Please indicate the surrounding land uses.

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Vacant	026-392-02	026-392-09		
Residential/Agricultural		026-392-06		
Commercial/Industrial				
Institutional/Timberland				
Other				

14. Utilities will be supplied to the site as follows:

A. Electricity

- ☒ Utility Company (existing)  
☐ Utility Company (planned)  
☐ On-Site Generation – Specify \_\_\_\_\_

B. Gas

- ☒ Utility Company (existing)  
☐ Utility Company (planned)  
☐ On-Site Generation – Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ None

C. Water

- ☐ Community water system – Specify supplier \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Well  
☐ Spring  
☐ Pond  
☐ Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_

D. Sewage

- ☐ Community sewage system – Specify supplier \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Septic Tank  
☐ Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_

15. Will there be any security lighting? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, will the light be cast downward? ☐ YES ☐ NO

16. Will you have employees? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, how many employees will you have? \_\_\_\_\_

If employees are residing onsite, please indicate the structure they will be residing.

17. Will there be any processing of cannabis on site (trimming, leaf removal, curing, drying, etc)? ☒ YES ☐ NO

18. If you answered YES to the previous question (17), please describe the activities.

AG Exempt metal support building, building application submitted, drying will be conducted in the building.

19. Have you discussed this proposal with adjacent property owners and other concerned parties?

Yes, we own the adjacent parcels.

20. Please describe how you intend to mitigate potential nuisances related to the proposed cultivation activities.

We own the adjacent parcels and are a small, family-owned operation.

21. Provide an overview of your past cultivation, as well as ancillary activities on this subject property. If 'Relocating' please describe past activities within Mendocino County, as well as past cultivation on this subject parcel, if applicable:

In 2016, completed the voluntary registration for the 25-plant program and we started bringing our properties into compliance at the first opportunity.

22. Describe why the proposed location and operation is the most environmentally superior location on the subject property.

The location is a gentle field, with zero sloping and full sun.

23. Are you aware of any Archeological or Paleontological resources on the subject property? ☐ YES ☒ NO

24. Have you recieved the requisite approvals from CALFIRE or your Local Response Agency? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If NO, do you intend to submit this information alongside needed building permits? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Have you recieved site inspections from any of the following agencies with regard to this proposed activity?

☐ NO

☒ YES, following

☒ Department of Agriculture Date: April 2019 (Aaron Hult)

☐ SWRCB Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CDFW Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CDFA Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and accurate:

OR 10-30-2019  
Signature of Applicant/Agent Date

OR 10-30-2019  
Signature of Owner Date

FOR STAFF PURPOSES ONLY

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject to Sunset Provision [MCC 10A.17.080(B)(2)(b)]? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Compliant with Mendocino County Code Chapter 20.242: ☐ YES ☐ NO



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## AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT

1. I hereby authorize Scott Ward to act as my representative and to bind me in all matters concerning this application.



Owner

10-30-2019

Date

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## CERTIFICATION AND SITE VIEW AUTHORIZATION

1. I hereby certify that I have read this completed application and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application, and all attached appendices and exhibits, is complete and correct. I understand that the failure to provide any requested information or any misstatements submitted in support of the application shall be grounds for either refusing to accept this application, for denying the permit, for suspending or revoking a permit issued on the basis of such misrepresentations, or for seeking of such further relief as may seem proper to the county.
2. I hereby grant permission for County, Planning and Building Services staff, and hearing bodies to enter upon and site view the premises for which this application is made in order to obtain information necessary for the preparation of required reports and render its decision.



Owner/Authorized Agent

10-30-2019

Date

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## INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

ORDINANCE NO. 3780, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 1991, requires applicants for discretionary land use approvals, to sign the following Indemnification Agreement. Failure to Sign this agreement will result in the application being considered incomplete and withheld from further processing.

### INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

As part of this application, applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the County of Mendocino, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions, as more particularly set forth in Mendocino County Code Section 1.04.120, from any claim, action or proceeding brought against any of the foregoing individuals or entities, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it. The indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney fees or expert witness fees that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the applicant, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this application, whether or not there is concurrent, passive or active negligence on the part of the County, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions.

1. I, Christopher Butler/Courtney Bailey, hereby agree to the above Indemnification Agreement.  
(Print Name)



Owner/Authorized Agent



10-30-2019

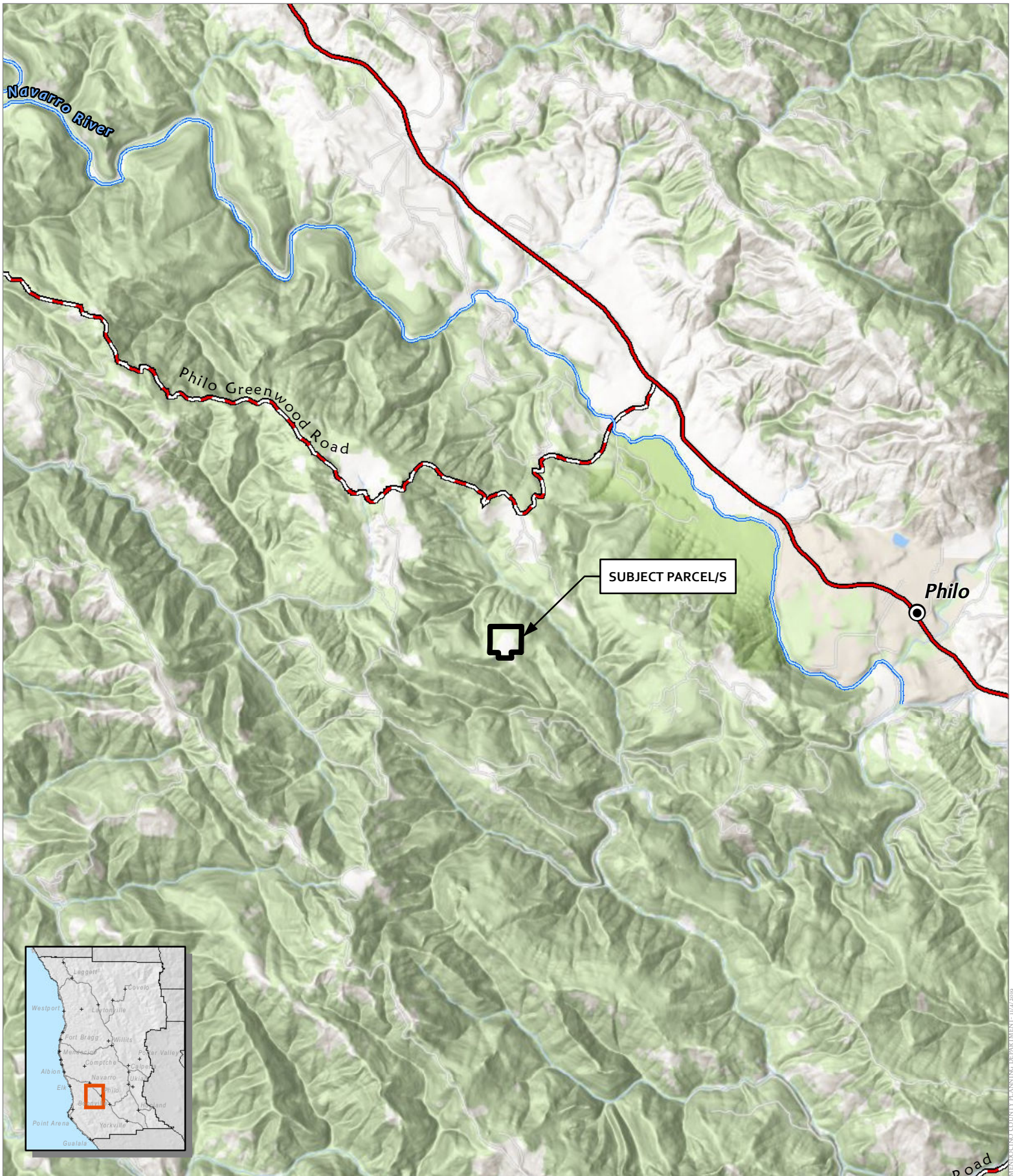
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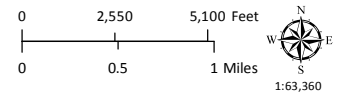
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Name <b>Scott Ward</b>	Name	Name
Mailing Address <b>8888 East Road Redwood Valley, CA 95470</b>	Mailing Address	Mailing Address



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- Major Towns & Places
- == Major Roads
- ~ Major Rivers
- Highways



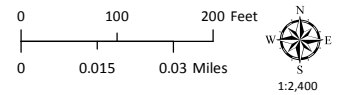
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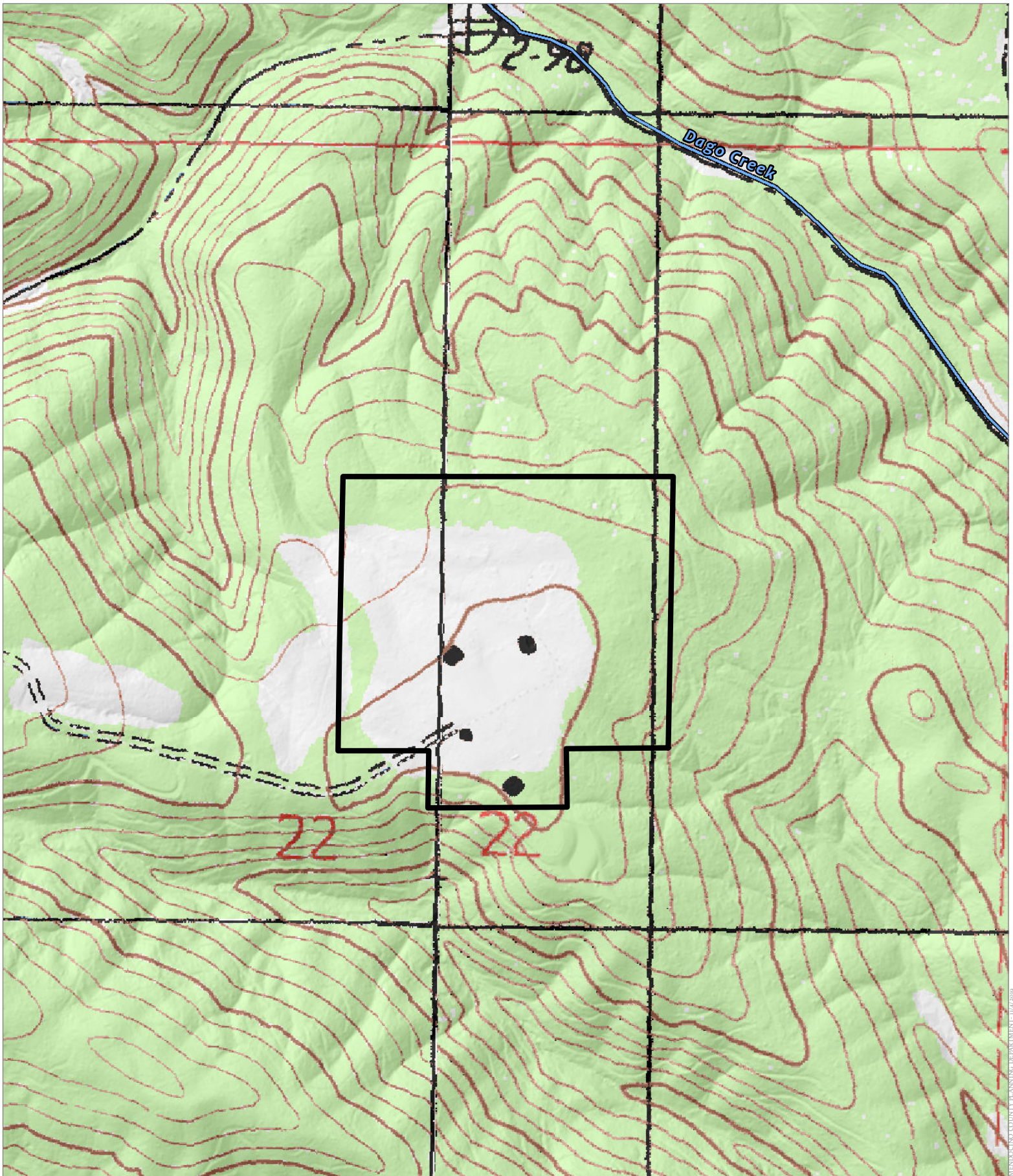
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 Cannabis Cultivation Sites





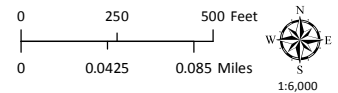
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 Named Rivers  
 Driveways/Unnamed Roads



TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
CONTOUR INTERVAL IS 40 FEET



# SITE MAP

**Property owner:** Signal Ridge Holdings, LLC (Owner: Chris Butler & Courtney Bailey)

**Applicant name:** Chris Butler

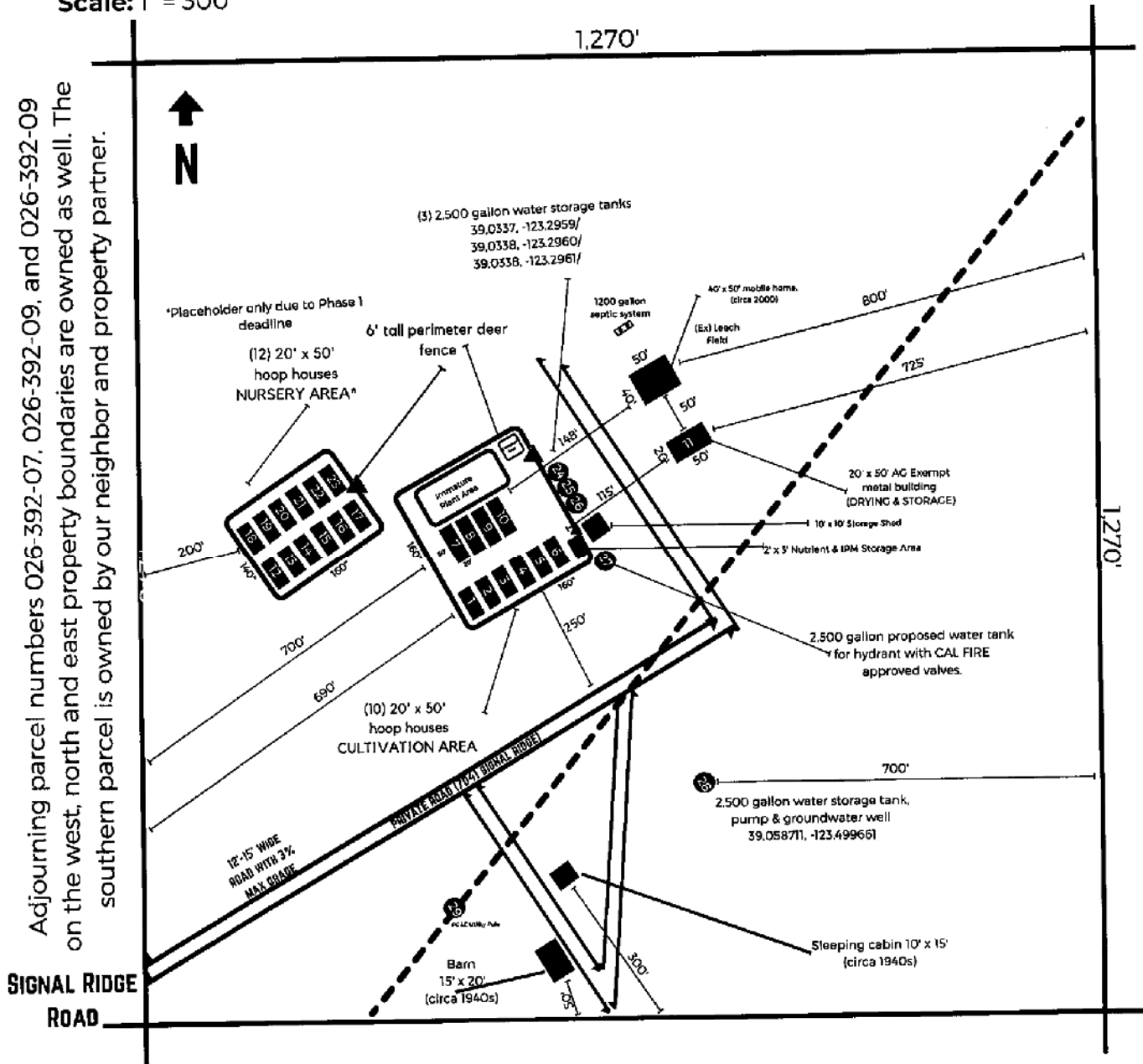
**APN:** 026-392-06

**Acreage:** 37.04

**Parcel address:** 7041 Signal Ridge Road, Philo, CA 95466

**Scale:** 1" = 300'

Adjoining parcel numbers 026-392-07, 026-392-09, and 026-392-09 on the west, north and east property boundaries are owned as well. The southern parcel is owned by our neighbor and property partner.



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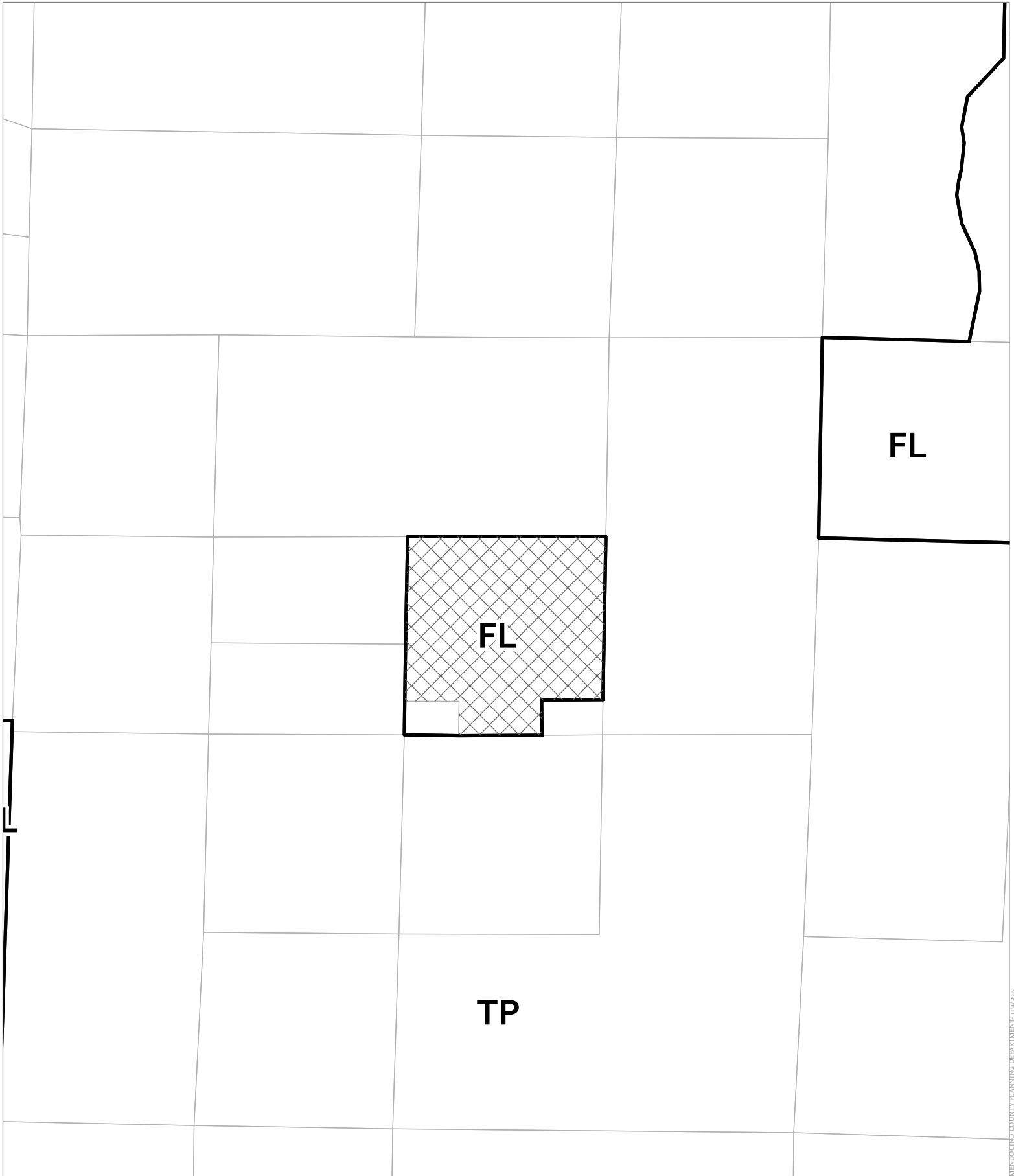
APLCT: Christopher Butler

AGENT: Scott Ward

ADDRESS: 7041 Signal Ridge Road, Philo

NO SCALE

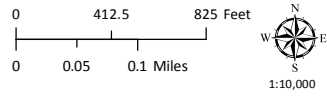
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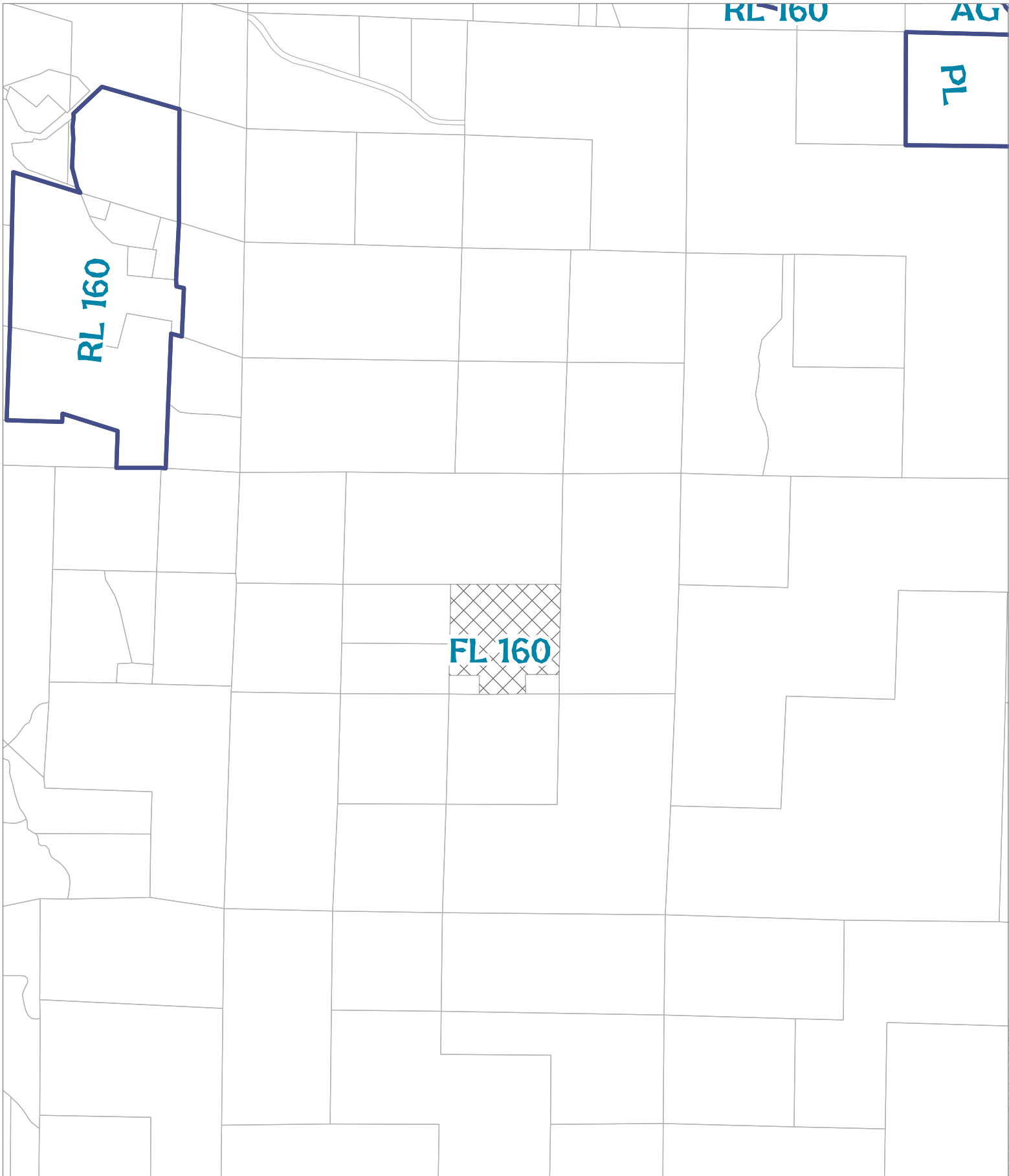
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 Zoning Districts

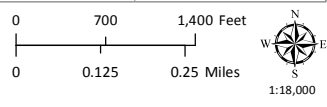


ZONING DISPLAY MAP



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 General Plan Classes



GENERAL PLAN CLASSIFICATIONS

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026-391-09  
REDWOOD MENDOCINO  
TP 160 83 A±

026-391-10  
REDWOOD MENDOCINO  
TP 160 41.37 A±

026-391-20  
DENNIS HAGEMAN  
TP 160 41 A±

026-392-02  
REDWOOD MENDOCINO  
TP 160 40 A±

026-392-02  
ERICA KESENHEIMER  
TP 160 80 A±

026-392-04  
ROLF VANDERZWAAN  
TP 160 20 A±

026-392-03  
JEAN DUVIGNEAUD  
7071 SIGNAL RIDGE RD  
TP 160 0 A±

026-392-06  
ERICA KESENHEIMER  
7041 SIGNAL RIDGE RD  
FL 160 37.04 A±

026-392-05  
ROLF VANDERZWAAN  
7055 SIGNAL RIDGE RD  
TP 160 20 A±

026-392-07  
COURTNEY BAILEY  
7047 SIGNAL RIDGE RD  
FL 160 0 A±

026-392-08  
SAMANTHA GOOD  
TP 160 1.93 A±

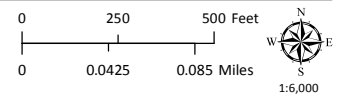
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REDWOOD MENDOCINO  
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026-392-11  
ROLF VANDERZWAAN  
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026-392-12  
SAMANTHA GOOD  
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APLCT: Christopher Butler  
AGENT: Scott Ward  
ADDRESS: 7041 Signal Ridge Road, Philo

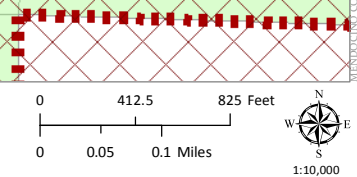


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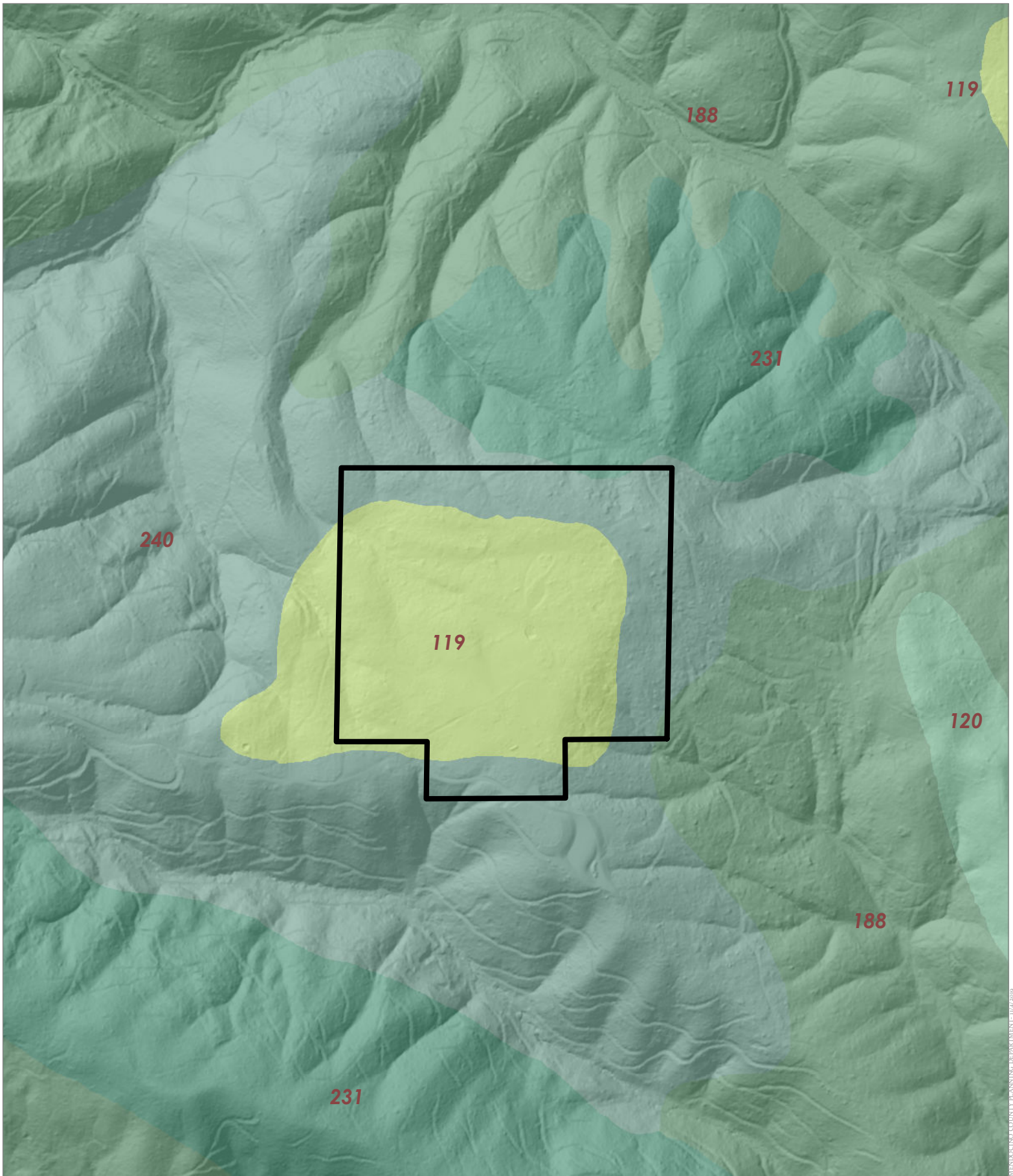
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-  Moderate Fire Hazard
-  County Fire Districts



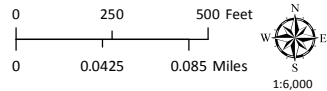
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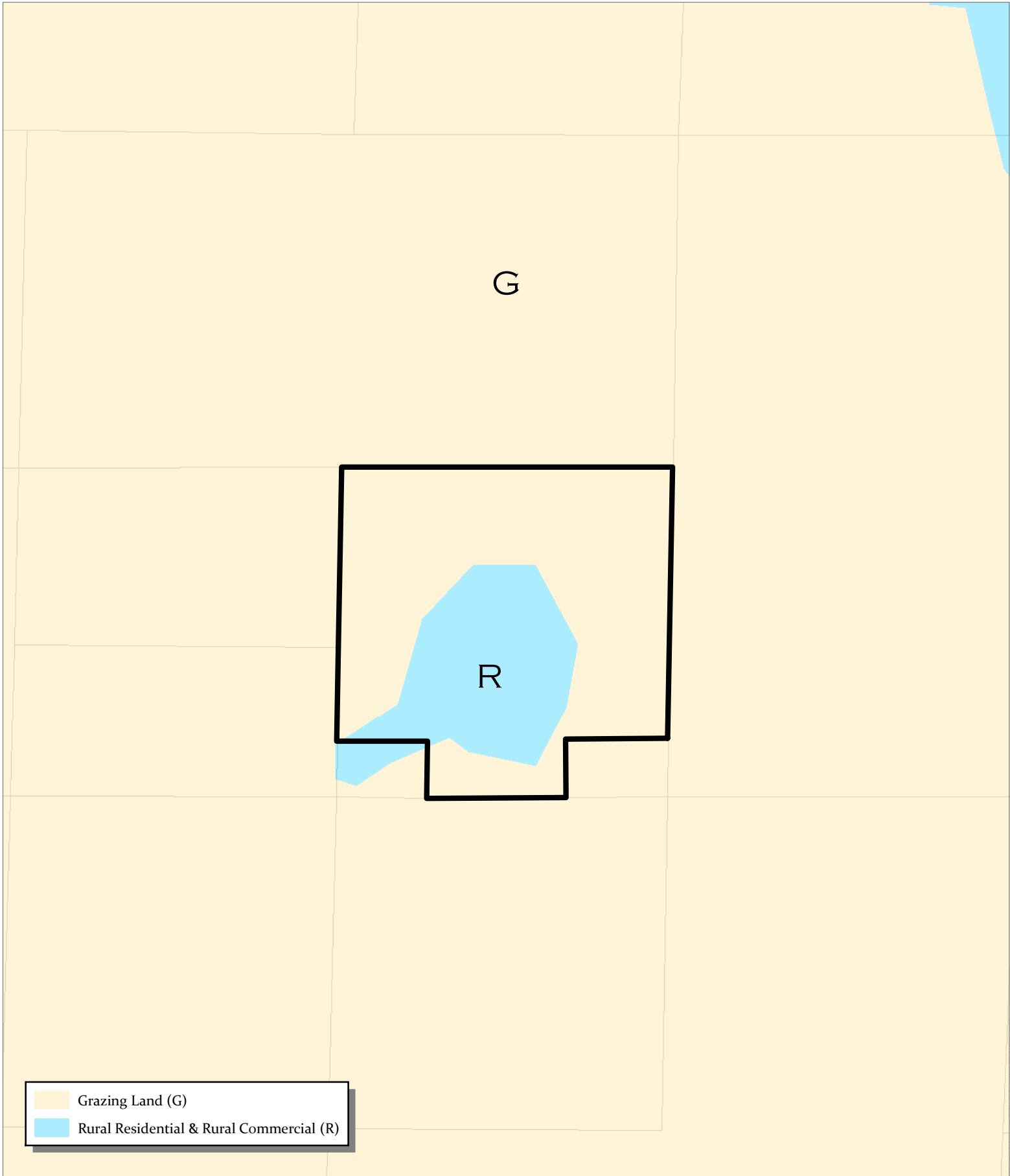


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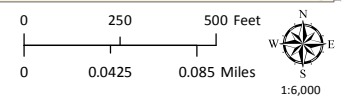


WESTERN SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS



MENDOCINO COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT - 11/7/2019

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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 15, 2018

WDID:1\_23CC405795

CHRISTOPHER BUTLER  
PO BOX 140  
PHILO, CA 95466

Subject: Notice of Applicability - Waste Discharge Requirements Water  
Quality Order WQ-2017-0023-DWQ

The attached Notice of Applicability provides notice that the requirements of the State Water Board *Cannabis Cultivation Policy- Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation* (Policy), and the *General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities*, Order No. WQ-2017-0023-DWQ (General Order) are applicable to the site as described below. Based on the information provided, the Discharger self-certifies the cannabis cultivation activities are consistent with the requirements of the State Water Board Policy and General Order.

Please direct all submittals, discharge notifications, and questions regarding compliance and enforcement to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Cannabis Program at (707) 576-2676 or [northcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:northcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
On Behalf Of

2018.11.15 14:53:08 PST

Water Boards

Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer  
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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# State Waterboard Cannabis General Order and Small Irrigation Use Registration Portal

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Cannabis General Order and Small Irrigation Use Registration Portal. This application allows cannabis cultivators to apply for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2017-0023-DWQ General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities (Cannabis General Order) and to file for a water right registration for Small Irrigation Use for Cannabis Cultivation. The portal consists of the following sections:

Section A: Screening questions to determine if you must obtain coverage under the Cannabis General Order.

Section B: Screening questions to determine if you need and are eligible for a small irrigation use water right registration.

Section C: Questions regarding the applicant's contact and property information.

Section D: Specific questions pertaining to the Cannabis General Order (if applicable).

Section E: Specific questions pertaining to water rights registrations (if applicable).

Section F: Self-Certification for compliance with your Small Irrigation Use Water Right Registration (if applicable).

Section G: Questions regarding processor applicant's contact and property information (if applicable).

Your answers to the questions in this portal will help determine if you need coverage under the Cannabis General Order, a Small Irrigation Use water right registration, both, or neither. You may not be asked to complete all sections. Depending on the answers provided to the screening questions in Sections A and B, you will see only the questions relevant to your waste discharge and/or water diversion activities.

Bookmarks are provided throughout the survey to enable you to return to a previous section if needed.

Questions that are marked with a  symbol are mandatory and must be answered in the application.

Click 'Save and Continue' below to continue.

## Section A - Cannabis General Order Eligibility Questions

This survey was created for cannabis cultivators to apply for the State Water Boards Cannabis General Order and the Small Irrigation Use Registration (SIUR) water right. The questions in Section A are to determine eligibility for coverage under the Cannabis General Order.

## Section A - Applying for coverage under the Cannabis General Order

What best describes your situation?


**NOTE: If you are enrolled in the North Coast Water Quality Control Board General Waiver R1-2015-0023 or Central Valley Water Quality Control Board General Order R5-2015-0113 you will need to be enrolled in the State Cannabis General Order 2017-0023-DWQ prior to July 1, 2019. If you are opting to transition from Regional Order R5-2015-0113 or R1-2015-0023 to the State Order 2017-0023-DWQ at this time, choose the second option, below.**



- ☐ I am not Seeking coverage under the State Cannabis General Order 2017-0023-DWQ at this time but will be seeking a Small Irrigation Use Registration (SIUR) water right.
- ☒ I am seeking coverage under the State Cannabis General Order 2017-0023-DWQ, with the goal to obtain evidence of enrollment with the State Water Resource Control Board, required for a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Cannabis Cultivation License
- ☐ My operation contains no cannabis cultivation component , I am applying for a Cannabis Processors Licence with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

# Section A - Completely Indoor Cultivation?

Are your cannabis cultivation activities completely indoors?




☐ Yes

☒ No

'Indoors' refers to a structure with a permanent roof and a permanent relatively impermeable floor (e.g., concrete- or asphalt-paved). Indoor cannabis cultivation may be performed using hydroponic growing systems, soil, or other growth media.

# Section A - Discharge of Wastewater from Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation Activities

Do your outdoor cannabis cultivation activities disturb less than one thousand (1,000) square feet and are your cannabis cultivation activities exempt from California Department of Food and Agriculture licensing requirements under Proposition 64 (Health and Safety Code section [11362.2](#)) or Proposition 215 (Health and Safety Code section [11362.77](#))?



☐ Yes

☒ No

# Section A - Cannabis General Order Eligibility Notice

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:

Introduction

Section A - Cannabis General Order Eligibility Questions

Based on your responses to the eligibility questions, you will either be conditionally exempt or enrolled as a tier 1 or tier 2 site (the site status will be determined later).

# End of Section A

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:

Introduction

Section A - Cannabis General Order Eligibility Questions

You have reached the end of Section A. Click 'Save and Continue' below to continue to Section B.

# Section B - Small Irrigation Use Registration Water Rights Screening

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:


Introduction

Section A - Cannabis General Order Eligibility Questions

Questions in Section B are based on the [State Water Board's Cannabis Cultivation Policy](#) and the Small Irrigation Use Registration Program requirements. This section will help determine whether you need a water right and your eligibility for a Small Irrigation Use Registration.

# Section B - Do you already have a Small Irrigation Use Registration?

☒ Have you already filed for a Small Irrigation Use Registration for the Place of Use associated with your commercial cannabis cultivation?



☐ Yes

☒ No

If you answered **yes** to the previous question, then please provide your Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration ID:

## Section B - Water Source

### NOTES:

1. For more information on subterranean streams, please visit [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/gmp/faqs.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gmp/faqs.shtml).
2. The spring would flow off the property if it is not being diverted.
3. For Rainwater Catchment, water cannot channelize before entering your pond.

**Please check your water source(s) for your cannabis cultivation project.**

Check all that apply 🌟

- ☐ Stream, creek, gully (surface water channels), pond, lake, reservoir, and/or subterranean stream
- ☐ Spring located on the diverter's property that runs off the property at any time during the year.
- ☐ Spring located on the diverter's property that does NOT run off the property at any time during the year, in the absence of any diversions (fully contained spring).
- ☒ Groundwater well (Not a subterranean stream. Note that wells that are close to streams may divert surface water through a subsurface connection and require a water right)
- ☐ Rainwater Catchment (does not include tarping of sites)
- ☐ Water Purveyor (municipal, retail supplier, water hauler, or other)

## Section B - No Small Irrigation Use Registration Required

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:

Introduction

Section A - Cannabis General Order  
Eligibility Questions

Section B - Water Rights Eligibility Questions

Based on the response provided for your cannabis cultivation water source, you do not need to file for a Small Irrigation Use Registration. You may use your existing water source for cannabis cultivation. Be aware - you may still need coverage under the Cannabis General Order. Even if you do not need a water right for your project, you are still required to comply with the Cannabis Cultivation Policy and all other state and local requirements that pertain to your water source. The Cannabis Cultivation Policy has additional requirements for your diversions including groundwater wells, and discharges.

If you feel you have reached this page in error, please contact the Cannabis Registration Program at [Cannabisreg@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cannabisreg@waterboards.ca.gov) or 916-319-9427.

## Section C - Cannabis Cultivation Site and Contact Information

**Provide information regarding your cannabis cultivation site and contact information. For Cannabis General Order coverage, if your site is located on more than one parcel and the parcels are not contiguous (next to each other), you must submit a separate application for each non-contiguous cultivation area. Refer to the Cannabis General Order for additional information.**

Enter the legal name of the cannabis cultivation site (e.g., the name of the operation or the facility name), if any. If the site does not have a legal name, enter the name of the site as you would like it to be identified.

The site name will be published on the public site of the State Water Board's database(s). We suggest you not use the address or Assessor's Parcel Number(s) of the site as the site name.

**Site Name** 🌟

Enter the physical address of the cultivation site **(NO P.O. BOX NUMBERS!)**, including the county. If no address exists, use the street and nearest cross street.

For the street number, enter numbers only--no special characters.

For suites and apartments, please type the appropriate abbreviation, *APT* or *STE* in addition to the unit number. For example:

*APT 337 or STE 337 instead of just 337*

**Street Number**

**Suite/Apt**

**Street Direction**

**Street Name** 🌟

**Street Type**

**City** 🌟

**State** 🌟

**Zip Code** 🌟

**County** 🌟

Enter information about the contact person for the cannabis cultivation site, their phone number, and email.

Contact Person First Name

★ Christopher

Contact Person Last Name

★ Butler

Contact Person Telephone Number

★ (415) 994-5297

Extension Contact Person Email

compliance@givingtreefarms.org

Phone extensions should only include numbers (no leading 'x').

#### FOR CANNABIS GENERAL ORDER APPLICANTS ONLY

**Assessor's Parcel Number(s)** (When entering multiple Assessor's Parcel Numbers, enter one parcel number per text box.)

NOTE: Enter only the Assessor's Parcel Numbers for which you are applying for coverage under the Cannabis General Order. If your cultivation is on more than one parcel, the parcels must be contiguous (next to each other). If the parcels are non-contiguous, you must apply separately under the Cannabis General Order for each set of contiguous parcels. For water rights, a single registration is sufficient. Different counties have different Assessor's Parcel Number formats, such as 0000-000-000, 000-000-00, 000-00-000, 000-000-000-0, 000-000-00-00, etc. Parcel numbers can be entered with dashes or without dashes.

★ 026-392-06

If you have additional APNs, enter them here and separate each one with a comma.

On the following page, you will be asked to provide address and contact information for the cultivator/diverter. Is the cultivator/diverter address and contact information the exact same as the address and contact information entered on this page (Cannabis Cultivation Site and Contact Information)? If you select yes, this will allow the system to copy the information so you do not need to re-enter it.

★ ☐ Yes ☒ No

## Section C - Cultivator/Diverter Information

Provide legal name and mailing address of the person or entity cultivating cannabis and/or diverting water. Entities include businesses, corporations, limited liability corporations, etc..

Enter the legal name of the person or entity cultivating cannabis. If the cultivator is a private individual, enter the last name and then first name of the individual, separated by a comma and a space. (For example: Doe, John)

**Legal Name** ★ Christopher Butler

If you are providing a PO Box, enter the information, including the words 'PO Box' along with the box number, in the Street Name field. For suites and apartments, please type the appropriate abbreviation, *APT* or *STE* in addition to the unit number. For example:

APT 337 or STE 337 instead of just 337

Street Number

140

Suite/Apt

Street Direction

Street Name

★ PO BOX

Street Type

City ★ Philo

State/Province

★ CA

Zip Code

95466

Country ★ USA

Foreign Postal Code

**Organization Type** ★

Privately-Owned Business

Enter information about the contact person for the cultivator/diverter, their phone number, and email.

Contact Person First Name

★ Christopher

Contact Person Last Name

★ Butler

Contact Person Telephone Number

★ (415) 994-5297

Extension Contact Person Email

compliance@givingtreefarms.org

Phone extensions should only include numbers (no leading 'x').

Is your primary home residence located on the same property as the cannabis cultivation site?



★ ☒ Yes ☐ No

On the following page, you will be asked to provide address and contact information for the property landowner. If the Property Landowner address and contact information is identical to the address and contact information entered on a previous page, please select the page name from the drop-down menu below. This will allow the system to copy the information so you do not need to re-enter it. Otherwise, select "Not the same."

★ [CultivatorDiverterInfo](#)

## Section C - Property Landowner Information (1)

Provide information on the property landowner where the cannabis will be grown.

Enter the legal name of the person or entity who owns the property on which the cannabis cultivation site is located. If the property landowner is a private individual, enter the last name and then the first name of the individual, separated by a comma and a space in the "Legal Name" field. For example: Doe, John

Legal Name ★

If you are providing a PO Box, enter the information, including the words 'PO Box' along with the box number, in the Street Name field.

Street Number  Suite/Apt  Street Direction  Street Name ★  Street Type   
City ★  State/Province ★  Zip Code   
Country ★  Foreign Postal Code   
Owner Type ★

Enter information about the contact person for the property landowner, their phone number, and email.

Contact Person First Name ★  Contact Person Last Name ★   
Contact Person Telephone Number ★  Extension  Contact Person Email

Phone extensions should only include numbers (no leading 'x').

In the following pages you will have the ability to enter additional property landowner addresses and contact information, if applicable. After the property landowner address and contact information pages, you will be asked to provide the address and contact information where legal notice may be served. If the legal notice address and contact information is identical to the address and contact information provided on a previous page, or the address and contact information you will provide for one of the additional property landowners, please select the page name from the drop-down menu below. This will allow the system to copy the information so you do not need to re-enter it. Otherwise, select "Not the same."

★



## Section C - Additional Property Landowner? (1)

Do you have additional property landowners to add? ★ ☐ Yes ☒ No

## Section C - Address Where Legal Notice May Be Served

Enter an address where legal notice may be served. **NO P.O. BOX NUMBERS!**

Street Number  Suite/Apt  Street Direction  Street Name ★  Street Type

City   State/Province Zip Code



Country 

Foreign Postal Code

Enter information about the contact person for legal matters, their phone number, and email.


Contact Person First Name



Contact Person Last Name



Contact Person Telephone Number



Extension Contact Person Email

Phone extensions should only include numbers (no leading 'x').

On the following page, you will be asked to provide address and contact information for billing. If the billing address and contact information is identical to the address and contact information provided on a previous page, please select the page name from the drop-down menu below. This will allow the system to copy the information so you do not need to re-enter it. Otherwise, select "Not the same."





## Section C - Billing Information

Enter the name and address where fee invoices should be sent.

Name 

If you are providing a PO Box, enter the information, including the words 'PO Box' along with the box number, in the Street Name field. For suites and apartments, please type the appropriate abbreviation, *APT* or *STE* in addition to the unit number. For example:

*APT 337 or STE 337 instead of just 337*

Street Number

Suite/Apt

Street Direction

Street Name 

Street Type

City 

State/Province



Zip Code

Country 

Foreign Postal Code

Enter information about the contact person for billing purposes, their phone number, and email.


Contact Person First Name



Contact Person Last Name



Contact Person Telephone Number




Extension Contact Person Email

Phone extensions should only include numbers (no leading 'x').

## Section C - Third-Party Representative/Agent

I wish to designate a third party to represent me in issues related to the Cannabis General Order.

 ☐ Yes ☒ No

Identify the third party (e.g., consultant) representing you in dealing with matters related to the **Cannabis General Order**, if applicable.

Enter the legal name of the person or entity of your third-party representative. If the third-party representative is a private individual, enter the last name and then first name of the individual, separated by a comma and a space. For example: Doe, John

**Business Name**

If you are providing a PO Box, enter the information, including the words 'PO Box' along with the box number, in the Street Name field.

Street Number	Suite/Apt	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type
				
City	State/Province		Zip Code	
Country	Foreign Postal Code			
Organization Type				

Enter information about the contact person for the third party representative, their phone number, and email.

Contact Person First Name	Contact Person Last Name
Contact Person Telephone Number	Extension Contact Person Email

Phone extensions should only include numbers (no leading 'x').

## End of Section C

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:

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Section C - Cannabis Cultivation Site and Contact Information		

You have completed Section C - Applicant and Property Information. Click 'Save and Continue' below to continue. Based on your previous responses, you may be directed to Section D - Cannabis General Order, Section E - Water Rights, or the Submission Page next.

## Section D - Currently Enrolled Under Another Order?

Are the discharges of wastewater from the cannabis cultivation activities at the site/property listed on this application currently enrolled in General Waiver R1-2015-0023 or General Order R5-2015-0113?

 ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you selected 'Yes' above, provide the following:

### WDID Number

Your WDID number can be found on the Notice of Applicability transmitted to you by the Regional Water Quality Control Board when you enrolled under the General Order or General Waiver. **The North Coast Regional Board WDID will be in the format 1X1####CXXX (ex. 1D13456CWLZ) and the Central Valley Region Board WDID will be in the format 5X##MJ00### (ex. 5H23MJ00456) where X's are letters, 0 are zero's, and #'s are numbers.**

## Section D - Discharge Information

1 acre = 43,560 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>)

### Square feet to acres calculator

To convert from square feet to acres, enter square feet:

Square feet	=	Acres
<input type="text" value="10000"/>		<input type="text" value="0.2295684113865932"/>

### Acres to square feet calculator

To convert from acres to square feet, enter acres:

Acres	=	Square feet
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Select one of the following: 

- ☐ Conditionally exempt: disturbed area less than 2,000 square feet and meets conditions listed in the Cannabis General Order.
- ☒ Tier 1 – Low Risk: • Disturbed area greater than 2,000 square feet and less than one acre (43,560 square feet); • No portion of the disturbed area is located on a slope greater than 30 percent; and • No portion of the disturbed area is located within the setback requirements.
- ☐ Tier 1 – Moderate Risk: • Disturbed area greater than 2,000 square feet and less than one acre (43,560 square feet); • Some portion of the disturbed area is located on a slope greater than 30 percent but less than 50%; and • No portion of the disturbed area is located within the setback requirements.
- ☐ Tier 1 – High Risk: • Disturbed area greater than 2,000 square feet and less than one acre (43,560 square feet); and • Some portion of the disturbed area is located within the setback requirements.
- ☐ Tier 2 – Low Risk: • Disturbed area greater than or equal to one acre (43,560 square feet); • No portion of the disturbed area is located on a slope greater than 30 percent; and • No portion of the disturbed area is located within the setback requirements.
- ☐ Tier 2 – Moderate Risk: • Disturbed area greater than or equal to one acre (43,560 square feet); • Some portion of the disturbed area is located on a slope greater than 30 percent but less than 50%; and • No portion of the disturbed area is located within the setback requirements.
- ☐ Tier 2 – High Risk: • Disturbed area greater than or equal to one acre (43,560 square feet); and • Some portion of the disturbed area is located within the setback requirements.

Enter the size of your cultivation area (in square feet)

★ 10000

Enter the size of your disturbed area (in square feet):

Disturbed area must be greater than or equal to the cultivation area.

★ 10000

**Disturbed area, slope of disturbed area, setback requirements, and cultivation area are defined in the Cannabis General Order.**

## Section D - Site Coordinates

Use the map to select the geographic coordinates of the facility/cultivation site for which you are applying for coverage under the Cannabis General Order. The coordinates shall be at the approximate center of the facility/cultivation area. Click the "Map" button to open the map. The map will open in a new window and will include instructions for selecting a site location.

★ County	Mendocino	
★ Lat/Long	39.060259	-123.499848

If this screen does not show any coordinates or you receive an error upon closing the map window, click "Map" again and then close the map window without making changes. If you are still having problems with the map, click on the "Email for help on this page" link at the bottom of this page to request assistance.

## Section D - Certification of Compliance with BPTC Measures for Tier 1 and Tier 2

**Certification of Compliance with BPTC Measures in [Attachment A](#) of the Cannabis General Order**



- ☒ I comply with the BPTC measures in Attachment A of the Cannabis General Order.
- ☐ I currently do not comply with the BPTC measures in Attachment A of the Cannabis General Order but I will complete improvements by the onset of the winter period, following submittal of this application, to achieve compliance.
- ☐ I currently do not comply with the BPTC measures in Attachment A of the Cannabis General Order and I will not complete improvements by the onset of the winter period, following submittal of this application. I will contact the Regional Water Board to establish a compliance schedule.

## Section D - Certification Under Penalty of Law for Cannabis General Order



☒ I certify that my cannabis cultivation complies with all applicable state, city, county, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, permits, and license requirements including, but not limited to, those for cannabis cultivation, grading, construction, and building.



☒ I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

### Electronic Signature for Cannabis General Order application

Full legal name of the individual signing:



Mendo Compliance

Title of the individual signing: (e.g., Owner, Consultant, Cultivator)



Owner/Cultivator

Date of signature:



10/25/2018

## End of Section D

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:

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Eligibility Questions

Section B - Small Irrigation Use Registration  
Water Rights Screening

Section C - Cannabis Cultivation Site and  
Contact Information

Section D - Currently Enrolled Under  
Another Order?

You have completed Section D. Please click 'Save and Continue' below to continue with the application. Please note that depending on your previous responses, you may see Section E or the Submission Page next.

## Submission Page

Use the following navigation buttons to return to the previous sections:

Introduction

Section A - Cannabis General Order  
Eligibility Questions

Section B - Small Irrigation Use Registration Water Rights  
Screening

# SUBMISSION PAGE

NOTICE PURSUANT TO INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT OF 1977 (CIV. CODE. § 1798.17) The State Water Resources Control Board is requesting personal identifying information about the diverter/discharger and the person filing for this Small Irrigation Use Registration (SIUR) and coverage under the statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities (General Order). The agency officials responsible for this system of records are Robert Cervantes, Senior Engineer, whose business address is 1001 I Street, 14th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and whose business telephone is (916) 341-5300, and Kevin Porzio, Senior Engineer, whose business address is 1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and whose business telephone is (916) 341-6914. Upon request, the agency official(s) shall inform an individual regarding the location of his or her records and the categories of any persons who use the information in these records.

The State Water Resources Control Board is empowered to require the submission of personal identifying information by California Water Code sections 1228 and 13260. The submission of the name, address, and phone number of the diverter/discharger and person filing for SIUR and General Order coverage is mandatory. The submission of the e-mail address of the diverter/discharger and person filing for SIUR and General Order coverage is voluntary. Failure to provide the mandatory information for SIUR coverage can result in the imposition of administrative civil liability in the amount of \$500 and an additional \$250 per day for each additional day on which the violation continues if the person fails to cure the violation within 30 days after the State Water Resources Control Board has called the violation to the attention of the person. Failure to provide the mandatory information for General Order coverage can result in the imposition of administrative civil liability in the amount of \$1,000 per day.

This personal identifying information is collected to facilitate better water management and waste discharge management by the State

Water Resources Control Board. The State Water Resources Control Board will not automatically post personal identifying information to public databases. However, the State Water Resources Control Board may be legally required to disclose personal identifying information under any of the circumstances described in Civil Code, section 1798.24. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, responding to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act or responding to a subpoena from a federal agency.

You have provided the information needed to complete this application. After you click on **Submit** you will see a summary of the information you have provided and will have the ability to save a pdf copy of your information.

The next step for completing your application is to pay any fees associated with this application and submit authorization from a Native American tribe (if needed).

**Cannabis General Order Applicants:** should you have any fees due, you will be notified in the Notice of Receipt for Cannabis General Order, which you can access upon submittal. To access your Notice of Receipt for the Cannabis General Order, click on **Show Notice of Receipt for Cannabis General Order as PDF** on the next page. The Notice of Receipt for Cannabis General Order includes the fee amount and instructions on how and where to pay the fee.

**Water Rights Applicants:** should you have any fees due, you will be notified in the Notice of Receipt, which you can access upon submittal and will receive via email. To access your Notice of Receipt for Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration, click on **Show Notice of Receipt for Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration as PDF** on the next page. The Notice of Receipt includes the fee amount due as well as instructions on how and where to pay the fee.

**You can view a summary of your application before submitting by clicking [here](#). The summary will open in a new tab. To return to this screen, simply close the tab with the application summary. If you need to make changes to your application, you may use the navigation buttons at the top of this page, or the [Prev](#) button below to navigate to previous pages. You will not be able to edit your application after you submit.**



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## State Water Resources Control Board

Cannabis General Order Application Number: 405795

Fee Payment Application Number: BA10405795

Self-Certification Date: 10/25/2018

# NOTICE OF RECEIPT

## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER WQ 2017-0023-DWQ GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF WASTE ASSOCIATED WITH CANNABIS CULTIVATION ACTIVITIES

Your application for coverage under the Cannabis General Order has been received.

Your application for 7041 Signal Ridge located at 7041 Signal Ridge Road, Philo (Mendocino County) will be processed as a Tier 1 Low Risk site **with an application fee due**.

### CDFA License

For dischargers seeking a cultivation license from CDFA, this Notice of Receipt is insufficient. Upon payment of your application fee (see Fee Payment section) and submittal of Native American tribal authorization (if needed; see Native American Tribe Authorization section below), you will receive a separate Notice of Applicability (NOA) to be used for obtaining a CDFA license.

### Fee Payment

Within 30 calendar days of submitting your application, you must pay an application fee in order for your application to be complete.

Your fee category is: **Tier 1 Low Risk. Your application fee is \$600.00.**

The application fee can be paid using electronic funds transfer, a check, money order, or cashier check.

- If you are paying via electronic funds transfer, visit the following website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/make\\_a\\_payment/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/make_a_payment/). Include your Fee Payment Application Number when submitting your payment. Your Fee Payment Application Number can be found at the top right-hand corner of this Notice.
- If you are paying with a check, money order, or cashier check, make the check payable to the "State Water Resources Control Board", write the Fee Payment Application Number on the check, money order, or cashier check, and submit the payment to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board  
ATTN: Water Quality Fees - Cannabis General Order  
PO Box 1888  
Sacramento, CA 95812-1888.

Instructions for Paying Application Fees by Cash:



large denominations (up to \$1,000) at many local retail outlets and post offices across California and, if used, will expedite the enrollment process. The State Water Board is able to accept cash payments at its downtown Sacramento location. Cash payments, however, will require additional time and an appointment with the State Water Board Sacramento office. A delay in enrollment due to the need for a cash payment is not an excuse for non-compliance with applicable enrollment requirements. To schedule an appointment to make a cash payment, please call (916) 341-5021.

## **Technical Reports**

In accordance with the Cannabis General Order, **you may have one or more technical reports due**. Below is the list of technical reports due based on your site conditions.

All technical reports shall be submitted electronically to the North Coast Regional Water Board office at the following email address: [NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov) and shall include "Cannabis General Order" in the email subject line and your WDID Number and the Cannabis General Order Application Number. Your WDID Number will be assigned upon issuance of the Notice of Applicability and the Cannabis General Order Application Number can be found on the top-right hand corner of this Notice. Refer to the Cannabis General Order for additional information regarding submittal of these technical reports.

Based on the information you provided, your site conditions are:

### **Tier 1 Low Risk.**

#### **List of Technical Reports Due:**

- 1) Site Management Plan - **due within 90 days of application submittal**

## **Compliance with Best Practicable Treatment or Control (BPTC) Measures**

You have certified that your site qualifies as a Tier 1 Low Risk site and that you will complete improvements to achieve compliance by the onset of the winter period following submittal of this application. Winter period is defined in Attachment A of the Cannabis General Order.

## **Native American Tribe Authorization**

This section does not apply to you.

For additional information regarding your application, please contact the North Coast Regional Water Board office. Current contact information for the North Coast Regional Water Board office:

5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(707) 576-2220

[northcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:northcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov)

If you notice any errors in your application, please contact the North Coast Regional Water Board office for more information on providing the correct information. **Do not resubmit your application or begin a new application for the purposes of correcting errors, unless you are instructed to do so by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board.**

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June 7, 2019

Christopher Butler  
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[info@livingtreefarms.org](mailto:info@livingtreefarms.org)

Subject: **Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration No. EPIMS-04460-R1  
Mendocino County Assessor's Parcel Number 026-392-06**

Dear Christopher Butler,

On January 16, 2019 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received your Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration (Notification) and on February 27, 2019 additional information was received. On March 29, 2019, your Notification was deemed complete due to the passage of 30 days with no action taken place by CDFW to incomplete your Notification.

The Department is required to submit a draft Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) to you within 60 calendar days from the date the Notification is complete, if the Department determines that an Agreement is required for the project. An Agreement would be required if the Department determined that your project could substantially adversely affect an existing fish or wildlife resource. Therefore, the Department had until May 28, 2019, to issue you a draft Agreement or inform you that an Agreement is not required. Due to current staffing limitations, the Department did not meet that date. As a result, by law, you may now complete the **project described in your notification** without an Agreement.

Please note that pursuant to Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1602, subdivision (a)(4)(D), if you proceed with this project, **it must be the same as described and conducted in the same manner as specified in the notification and any modifications to that Notification received by CDFW in writing prior to the date of this letter.** This includes completing the project within the proposed term and seasonal work period and implementing all avoidance and mitigation measures to protect fish and wildlife resources specified in the notification. If the term proposed in your notification has expired, you will need to re-notify CDFW before you may begin your project. Beginning or completing a project that differs in any way from the one described in the notification may constitute a violation of FGC section 1602.

Your notification includes, but is not limited to, the following information: Water well used for commercial irrigation located at approximately (lat./long): 39.0602, -123.5009. CDFW did not evaluate hydraulic connection of the well to surface water, nor was a hydrogeologic evaluation prepared by a licensed geologist provided for CDFW review. A

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Christopher Butler

June 7, 2019

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spring was noted as present on the property. The applicant stated that it was not used for any purpose. No other projects that may be subject to FGC1602 were disclosed.

Also note that while you are entitled to complete the project without an Agreement, you are still responsible for complying with other applicable local, state, and federal laws. These include FGC sections 5650 and 5652 which make it unlawful to pollute waters of the state. FGC section 5650 makes it unlawful to deposit in, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into waters of the state any substance or material deleterious to fish, plant life, mammals, or bird life, including, but not limited to gasoline and oil, as well as sediment. FGC section 5652 makes it unlawful to deposit in, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high water mark of the waters of the state, any garbage, refuse, or waste, among other materials. A person who violates FGC sections 1602, 5650, and 5652 in conjunction with the cultivation or production of cannabis is subject to significant penalties or fines. Specifically, CDFW may impose civil penalties administratively against any person found by CDFW to have violated these FGC sections in connection with the production or cultivation of cannabis following a complaint and, if requested, a hearing.

Other statutes in the FGC that might apply to your activity, include, but not limited to the following sections: 2080 et seq. (species listed as threatened or endangered, or a candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act); 1908 (rare native plants); 3511, 4700, 5050, and 5515 (fully protected species); 3503 (bird nests and eggs); 3503.5 (birds of prey); 5901 (fish passage); 5937 (sufficient water for fish); and 5948 (obstruction of stream), and the requirements set forth in the Forest Practice Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 4511 et seq.) for projects on private timberlands.

Finally, if you decide to proceed with your project without an Agreement, you must have a copy of this letter and your notification with all attachments available at all times at the work site. As indicated in your Notification, the Applicant requests the Department to first contact Christopher Butler at 415-994-5297 to schedule a date and time to enter the property where the project described in this notification will take place, in the event the Department determines that a site inspection is necessary. This condition does not apply to CDFW enforcement personnel. Please note this letter is only valid until **May 28, 2024**, which is 5 years from the date the Department was required to provide a Draft Agreement.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist at [Cheri.Sanville@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Cheri.Sanville@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Cheri Sanville

Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor