



State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Cultivation & Water Rights Information Meetings

MEETINGS:

*Each meeting is scheduled to run from
4pm to 6pm*

August 31, 2016

Ukiah Valley Conference Center
200 South School Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

September 1, 2016

Red Lion Hotel
1929 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

September 7, 2016

Weed City Hall
Council Chambers
550 Main Street
Weed, CA 96094

September 8, 2016

Red Bluff Community/Senior Center
Gardenside Room
1500 South Jackson Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

September 15, 2016

Wyndham Garden Ventura Pierpont Inn
550 Sanjon Road
Ventura, CA 93001

September 21, 2016

Salinas or Santa Cruz
Location: TBD

September 22, 2016

Ted C. Wills Center
770 N. San Pablo Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Week of October 3, 2016 (TBD)***

CalEPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

*** The Sacramento meeting will be webcast.

Information regarding the meeting date, time, and
webcast will be available on our website at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/cannabis

BACKGROUND:

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, is required to adopt principles and guidelines for the diversion and use of water for cannabis cultivation. These principles and guidelines will be incorporated into agricultural permits issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture under its commercial cannabis program.

PURPOSE OF MEETINGS:

To provide information on the following:

- State Water Board's responsibilities with respect to cannabis cultivation.
- State Water Board's process and timeline for developing interim principles and guidelines for the diversion and use of water for commercial cannabis cultivation.
- How interested parties can provide comments and recommendations.

AGENDA:

- State Water Board Presentation
- General Questions and Answers
- Brief Overviews by Attending Partner Agencies
- Breakout Session/Information from Other Agencies

PARTNER AGENCIES:



For more information, please visit our website at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/cannabis

State Water Resources Control Board Commercial Cannabis Cultivation

Disclaimer

The State Water Board is developing a regulatory program to protect waters of the State from water diversions related to cannabis cultivation. The program will cover medical cannabis (Proposition 215) cultivated on private land. Cannabis cultivation on public lands is illegal and may be subject to criminal prosecution. A permit obtained from the Water Boards (State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards) does not approve or endorse cannabis cultivation.

Who Should Attend

Commercial cannabis cultivators and any other interested parties.

How to Submit Written Comments and Recommendations

The State Water Board is accepting comments and recommendations on the development of interim principles and guidelines until **NOON (12:00 pm)** on **October 7, 2016**. Comments can be submitted electronically to cannabisWR@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence can be mailed to:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Cannabis Interim Flow Unit
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Additional Resources

The following websites have information regarding ongoing agency efforts related to commercial cannabis cultivation:

State Water Board, Division of Water Rights – Responsible for administering water rights for all surface water diversions, as well as diversions from groundwater and all springs for the purpose of commercial cannabis cultivation. Website: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cannabis/>

Regional Water Quality Control Boards – Responsible for addressing potential water quality impacts from cannabis cultivation and associated activities on private property.

North Coast Region (Region 1): http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/cannabis/

Central Valley Region (Region 5): http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/cannabis/index.shtml

California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Responsible for ensuring cannabis cultivators operate in a manner that is protective of fish and wildlife resources. Website: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/>

Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation – Responsible for issuing cannabis licenses for distributors, dispensaries, transporters, and testing laboratories. Website: <http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/>

California Department of Food and Agriculture – Responsible for licensing cannabis cultivators and establishing a track and trace program. Website: <https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/is/mccp/>

California Department of Public Health – Responsible for licensing manufacturers of cannabis products, such as edibles. Website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/pages/omcs.aspx>

California Department of Pesticide Regulation – Responsible for regulating pesticide use in commercial cannabis cultivation. Website: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>

How to Sign Up for State Water Board's Email Subscription

To receive additional information about the State Water Board's efforts related to commercial cannabis cultivation, please subscribe to the State Water Board's "Cannabis Cultivators" email list under "Water Rights" on the following webpage: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

