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From: State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Cultivation Policy – Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation (Policy)

**Project Applicant:** State Water Resources Control Board

**Project Location – Specific:** Statewide

**Project Location – City:** N/A **Project Location – County:** N/A

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Cannabis cultivation legislation enacted California Water Code (Water Code) section 13149, which directs the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, to adopt interim and long-term principles and guidelines for the diversion and use of water for cannabis cultivation in areas where cannabis cultivation may have the potential to substantially affect instream flows. On February 5, 2019, the State Water Board adopted updates to the Policy.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** State Water Resources Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** State Water Resources Control Board

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

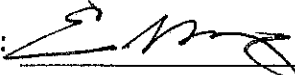
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 8, § 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The updates to the Policy meets the requirements of Water Code section 13149(b)(1) and is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308, provided that those actions do not involve relaxation of existing streamflow standards. The updates to the Policy do not allow a relaxation of existing streamflow standards as it requires that cannabis cultivators comply with existing instream flow requirements or the Policy's instream flow requirements, whichever is greater.

**Lead Agency** **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 445-9989  
**Contact Person:** Peter Barnes

**If filed by applicant:** Not applicable

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:**  **Date:** 2/25/2019 **Title:** Assistant Deputy Director  
Erin Ragazzi

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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