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RE: *People v. 805 Agricultural Holdings, LLC; Case No. 21CV02491*

Cannabis Cultivator Settles Environmental Protection Action

The People Alleged Streambed Alteration and Water Pollution

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that her Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit has obtained a \$40,000 stipulated final judgment against 805 Agricultural Holdings, LLC. The settlement resolves allegations that the Defendant committed Fish and Game Code violations in connection with the production or cultivation of cannabis. The People alleged that the Defendant unlawfully altered a streambed by removing vegetation from a stream, grading a road within a stream, and constructing hoop houses within a stream. The People further alleged that the Defendant polluted a stream by depositing or permitting to pass into, or placing where it could pass into, a stream: diesel fuel, hoop houses, pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, fertilizers, unconsolidated soil and plastic irrigation pipes.

The Final Judgment by Stipulation includes the following provisions:

- \$35,000 in civil penalties, payable as follows pursuant to California law:
 - \$23,000 to the County of Santa Barbara, for the enforcement of consumer protection laws;
 - \$3,000 to the Santa Barbara County Treasurer, for deposit in the County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund;
 - \$3,000 to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, for deposit in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund;
 - \$1,800 to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife;
 - \$2,400 to the California Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund; and
 - \$1,800 to Santa Barbara County, to reimburse District Attorney costs of investigation and prosecution.
- \$5,000 as cost reimbursement to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Injunction mandating compliance with applicable Fish and Game Code provisions.

District Attorney Dudley said, “Although cannabis cultivation is lawful under California law, with the appropriate governmental permissions, cultivators must comply with environmental laws like any other business.”

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