



Cultivation Licensing Pathway

Guide to LSA Documentation

WHAT?

Cannabis cultivators applying for or renewing a cultivation license with the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) must receive appropriate Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) documentation from CDFW. Appropriate LSA documentation will vary if you are applying for a new cultivation license or renewing an existing license.

WHY?

CDFW requires an LSA Agreement when a project activity may substantially adversely affect fish and wildlife resources. LSA Agreements provide actions to avoid and minimize adverse impacts and provide protections to California's fish and wildlife resources.

HOW?

1. Register for an Environmental Permit Information Management System (EPIMS) user account
2. Select the Notification type that fits your project:
 - Self-Certification: Strictly indoor grows within a permanent structure
 - General Agreement: Streamlined, pre-written agreement
 - Standard Agreement: Unique and specific for each project
3. Submit Notification through EPIMS
4. Receive appropriate LSA documentation
5. Apply for or renew your DCC license

HELPFUL RESOURCES

LSA Notifications

- [Appropriate LSA Documentation for Licenses](#)
- [Tips for completing your LSA Notification for cannabis cultivation projects](#)
- Question about your specific project? [Contact your Region](#)

DCC License Information

- [Requirements for Provisional Licenses Fact Sheet \(DCC\)](#)
- [How to Submit a Science Amendment \(CDFA\)](#)

EPIMS Help

- [Learn more about EPIMS](#)
- [New User Registration](#)
- [Login](#)
- Technical Help: EPIMSHelp@wildlife.ca.gov



Cannabis Program Questions?



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