

FW: Spraying Violation

From [redacted]@venturacounty.gov>
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To [redacted]venturacounty.gov>

3 attachments (10 MB)

INV-56-20250207-005 (VCPWA-Watershed Moorpark).pdf; INV-56-20251119-037 (VCPWA-Watershed Saticoy).pdf; INV-56-20260211-011 (VCPWA-Watershed Moorpark - no violations).pdf;

Hi [redacted],

I am forwarding you the violations we are working on for Public Works, Watershed Protection District. (This email string is the result of the director of Public Works reaching out for information regarding these violations, completely unrelated to your investigation. Please see below.) Please note that the enforcement actions have not yet been completed for these violations and that they are unrelated to Arundo control and the WMA.

Thank you.

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From: [redacted]@venturacounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 3:20 PM
To: [redacted]@venturacounty.gov>
Subject: RE: Spraying Violation

[redacted],

Attached are the three VCPWA – Watershed pesticide complaint investigations we performed, from December 2024 - present. Below is a summary of the findings, and information about who we were in contact with during the investigations:

1: INV-56-20250207-005: On December 19, 2024, VCPWA-Watershed (Moorpark office) performed an herbicide application (pesticide product name Capstone) to an easement located between El Monte Dr and Marview Dr, Thousand Oaks. The next day our office received a call from [redacted] a Watershed Supervisor. [redacted] forwarded us a complaint of drift his office received from a resident who's backyard fence boundaries the easement. Our inspector took foliage samples from the complainant's backyard, and found Capstone residue in the yard. The employees were also filmed on the complainant's wildlife camera, one of them is not wearing protective eyewear required for employees to wear when assisting with a handheld pesticide application.

Our office noted violations of: **3CCR 6614(b)** for performing an application that contaminated non-target private property with pesticides.

3CCR 6738.1(a) for not wearing eye protection when required
3CCR 6618(b) for not notifying someone a pesticide application is occurring on their property
For this investigation, our office was in contact with [REDACTED] of Watershed.

2: INV-56-20251119-037: On September 2, 2025, VCPWA Watershed (Saticoy office) performed an herbicide application at the Saticoy Drain, located between Darling Rd and Hwy 126 in east Ventura. Over two weeks later on September 19, a resident on [REDACTED] drive who's backyard fence is in close proximity to the Saticoy Drain contacted our office about damaged fruit trees in their backyard. They had seen VCPWA employees spraying and suspected herbicide damage from drift. Pictures provided by the complainant did appear to show possible herbicide damage symptoms – burning leaves, irregular growth, dropping fruit. Foliage from the backyard was sampled, analyzed, and found to contain the same pesticides sprayed at the Saticoy Drain. Wind data near the area indicates wind direction moving from the application area towards the resident's backyard on September 2.

Our office noted violations of: **3CCR 6614(b)** for performing an application that contaminated non-target private property with pesticides.
After closing the investigation, our inspector spoke with [REDACTED] of Watershed on March 19 to share our findings.

3: INV-56-20260211: On January 30, 2026, VCPWA-Watershed (Moorpark office) performed an herbicide application to a flood channel near Harris Ave, Camarillo. Watershed supervisor [REDACTED] forwarded a complainant to our office on February 11. VCPWA sprayed vines that were planted in a resident's backyard that had grown over the resident's fence and onto a chain link fence owned by the Watershed. Our inspector determined the watershed only sprayed vegetation on their property and had the operational authority to do so. No violations were noted, but the resident was not happy about our findings. He would have preferred the Watershed give him a chance to maintain the vines before performing the spray.

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]@venturacounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 12:12 PM
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Subject: Spraying Violation

Hi [REDACTED],

I appreciate the presentation item today on spraying and appreciate how you presented it. While I'm listening, I was thinking about our last conversation in the hall about the issue PWA had with overflow. I spoke to [REDACTED] this after our meeting and we've been trying to dig into the details of who, what, when, where, etc. We do want to hold folks accountable for their actions. I'm also curious about penalties and required corrective actions that might be outlined in correspondence. But I haven't seen a Notice of Violation or some other correspondence. Was it directed to someone in Watershed Protection?

Thank you,

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