## The New California State Parks Cannabis Program, an Opportunity for Engagement

2020 CalTHPO and SHPO Summit October 1, 2020

Mike McGuirt CA State Parks Cannabis Program Cultural Resources Manager CA State Parks Headquarters, Sacramento michael.mcguirt@parks.ca.gov



### **Key Points**

#### CA State Park Cannabis Program, a Proposition 64 Initiative

#### **Program Purposes**

- Identify and assess environmental damage to CA watersheds due to illegal cannabis cultivation
- Remediation and mitigation of the natural and cultural resources damage that's already occurred
- Discourage future illegal cannabis cultivation through new park unit operation and resource stewardship procedures
- Development of grants program to expand geographic scope of watershed protection





### **Key Points**

#### CA State Park Cannabis Program and Native American Engagement

#### **Opportunities for Engagement**

- Consultation on projects to remediate past illegal cannabis-related environmental damage to watersheds
- Consultation on how to change park operations and our stewardship of natural and cultural resources to discourage future cannabis-related watershed damage
- Consultation on grant application criteria that take into account Native American perspectives on watershed restoration and protection





## Five Eventual The Cannabis Program's Three Initial Subprograms

- Assessment
- Remediation and Restoration
- Ingress and Egress
- Watershed Protection through Modifications to Park Unit Operations and Resource Stewardship
- Watershed Protection Grants Program



# The Scope of the Problem, Illegal Cannabis Cultivation on Our Park Units

#### The Rough Tally So Far

- There are presently 400-450 known cannabis grow complex across 280 park units
- The 400-450 known complexes probably represent < 10 percent of the actual number out on the ground







# Variations on the Theme, Grow Complex Diversity



Coniferous Forest Complex

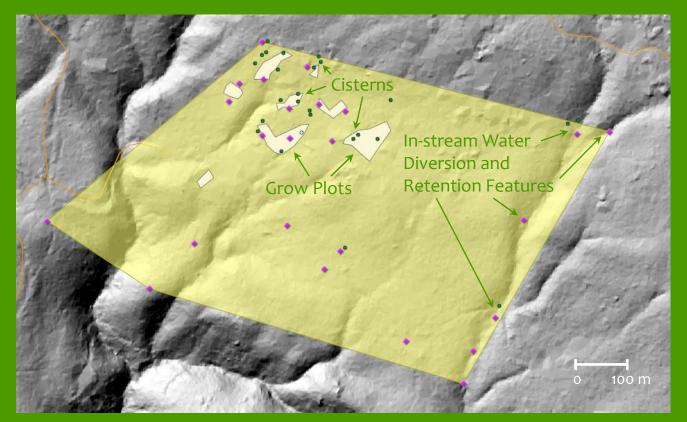
Open Field Complex

Manzanita Understory Complex





## The Scene of Watershed Damage, the Grow Complex



Salt Point State Park Grow Complex 2020



### Grow Complexes Have Many Components



Grow Plot Supplies



**Drying Racks** 



Potting Tables

## Cannabis Program Engagement with Native American Communities So Far

 The Present to 12-24 Months Out—the Assessment, and Remediation and Restoration Subprograms

Darren Andolina Associate State Archeologist CRD Cannabis Group, SoCal Darren.Andolina@parks.ca.gov Stephanie Gallanosa Associate State Archeologist CRD Cannabis Group, NorCal Stephanie.Gallanosa@parks.ca.gov

 24-36 Months Out—A Park Unit Operations and Resource Stewardship Watershed Protection Subprogram and a Watershed Protection Grants Subprogram



### Wrap-up

#### California State Parks Cannabis Program

- A Proposition 64 initiative to restore and protect watersheds in our park units and beyond
- CA State Parks seeks the participation of California's Native American communities in the development and administration of the Cannabis program

