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### **Wastewater Disposal Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation Applicants:**

- All cultivation process wastewater such as hydroponic solutions, irrigation tail water, RO filter backwash and brines, cleaning / sanitation waters and any other wastewater related to the cultivation of Cannabis must be collected and stored in a sealed, adequately sized holding tank.
- Cannabis cultivation process wastewater may not be discharged to an on-site septic system, landscape, ground or any other outdoor area of the facility, or onto an adjoining property or facility.
- Wastewater characterization and flow for all wet processes are required for each Cannabis cultivation facility and will be reviewed by Stanislaus County Public Works prior to the issuance of a Permit.
- Holding tank wastewater must be routinely collected by a licensed waste hauler and disposed of at an appropriate facility. Collection frequency to be determined by facility's wastewater production and flow, based upon information provided by applicant above.
- Waste hauler must provide a Waste Disposal Manifest to the Cannabis cultivation facility for each load of wastewater collected. Cannabis cultivation facility must keep Waste Disposal Manifests on-site for a minimum of five years and manifests must be made available to Stanislaus County Public Works inspection staff during regular business hours.
- Domestic (non-process) wastewater from facility restrooms and kitchens, such as toilets, hand-washing sinks and dish-washing sinks, may be discharged to an on-site septic system.