Remediation of Marijuana Cultivation and Processing Violations
Including Commercial, Residential and Agricultural Structures and Sites

Illegal (non-permitted) indoor or outdoor marijuana cultivation and processing can result in hazardous conditions including but not limited to: mold, moisture damage, toxic chemical residue, and damaged or modified electrical, structural, mechanical and plumbing systems. These conditions present serious health and safety concerns for current and future occupants and property owners.

Mariposa County’s requirements for remediation, which may be modified to reflect case-specific property conditions, include but are not limited to, the following:

1. At the property owner’s sole expense, an appropriately qualified abatement company or consultant with expertise in the remediation of marijuana cultivation (grow) houses or large scale marijuana gardens shall be retained for the duration of the remediation project. The abatement company/consultant shall assess all building, site and environmental impacts, including potential off-site impacts, created by illegal growing and/or processing operations. The company/consultant shall develop a written report of the findings and a written remediation plan for the property, which shall be submitted to Mariposa County Code Compliance. The remediation plan shall include timelines and an estimated date of completion.

2. The report and remediation plan shall be reviewed and approved by Mariposa County prior to the commencement of any remediation work on-site. Required approvals may include, but are not limited to, the following departments and agencies:

   Building Department
   Planning Department
   Environmental Health Division
   Sheriff’s Office
   Fire Department
   CAL FIRE
   Public Works Department

3. The owner shall obtain all required permits for work to be performed as part of the remediation plan.

4. Requirements for inspection and approval of remediation work shall be established by Mariposa County. If a clean (remedied) abatement report is not possible for any on-site structures, a demolition permit will be required, and demolition activities shall be completed as part of the remediation.

5. If PG&E power has been disconnected as part of the enforcement activities, electrical power may not be restored until the remediation plan has been approved and required permits have been obtained. Restoration of power shall be at the sole discretion of the Building Director, and a “Blue Tag” permit shall be required. At any time during remediation activities, if the owner fails to meet requirements established by the remediation plan, including timelines, Mariposa County may immediately pull power service from the property.

6. Inspection and permit fees will apply, including Building Code violation penalties of up to five times the normal fee amount.

7. A “Notice of Non-Conformance” shall be recorded against the Title of the property upon discovery of illegal marijuana cultivation or processing activities. The “Notice of Non-Conformance” shall only be removed after all permits have been obtained, the remediation work has been completed and all departments and agencies have signed off on the case.