Hezekiah Allen was born and raised in Humboldt County. His background includes experience as the Executive Director of a watershed restoration organization; in that capacity he was one of the early community leaders calling attention to the environmental impacts of unregulated agriculture. He also owned and operated a small commercial medical cannabis farm for several years. For the last few years Hezekiah has worked as a community organizer helping marginalized cannabis farmers across the state participate in the political and regulatory process. Allen currently serves as the executive director of the Emerald Growers Association, a statewide association representing several hundred small cannabis farms and businesses.