

Biography for:

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Lieutenant DeWayne Little attended Humboldt State University where he majored in Fisheries and Water Quality Biology. He started his career with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as a Water Quality scientific aide in 1981. From 1985 to 2013, he worked as a Fish and Wildlife Warden in Benicia, Red Bluff and Redding. As a warden, he frequently took on the larger issues like large scale dumping in riparian corridors, environmental damage associated with off-highway vehicles, recreational mining, and cannabis cultivation. In 2013, he was recognized as the Department's Fish and Wildlife Officer of the Year, and he promoted to lieutenant and supervised wardens in Shasta and Tehama counties. During this time, his continued efforts to tackle environmental issues associated with cannabis cultivation manifested into assisting the Department's Region 1 Habitat Conservation staff in the development of a mapping program used to display the proximity of known marijuana cultivation sites to salmonid critical habitat. This information was later used in site selection for an Anadromous Fisheries Restoration Project (AFRP) grant study to investigate the impacts of cannabis cultivation on salmonid fisheries. In addition, he has worked with Shasta County Environmental Planning staff to modify county codes, resulting in a highly restrictive indoor grow ordinance; and he has worked with Regional/State Water Board staff in drafting the strategic plan addressing "Regulation and Enforcement of Unauthorized Diversions; Discharges of Waste to Surface and Groundwater." This partnership with the Water Board ultimately led to the creation of the Watershed Enforcement Team, and in September of 2014, he took the lead position in the Department's newly formed team. To date, the Department and Water Board staffs have jointly inspected nearly 100 parcels impacted by cannabis cultivation and numerous Administrative Civil Liability Actions (ACLAs) and Notice of Violations (NOVs) have been initiated or are pending. Most notable has been the ACLA against a Shasta County cannabis cultivator and private contractor, who received a levy of fines totaling \$297,000.