
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 4, 2016

Dear Interested Parties:

Sent Via U.S. Mail

EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD - REVISION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, DISCHARGES OF WINERY WASTE AND DISCHARGES FROM CERTIFIED VINEYARDS, ORDER NO. R3-2016-0032; COMMENTS REQUESTED BY NOVEMBER 18, 2016

Due to concerns expressed by the winery and vineyard community that the comment period for this item conflicts with a crucial production period, Central Coast Water Board staff is extending the public comment period on the draft staff report, draft revised general waste discharge requirements, and draft revised monitoring and reporting requirements for discharges of winery waste and discharges from certified vineyards. The tentative order, *General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2016-0032 for Discharges of Winery Waste and Discharges from Certified Sustainable Vineyards, Central Coast Region* (hereafter "*General Winery and Certified Vineyard WDRs*"), includes requirements for winery waste discharges (liquid and solid) and select vineyards, certified by the Vineyard Team or other certified programs approved by the Central Coast Water Board. The staff report, tentative order, and monitoring program are available at the following web address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

The intent of the order is to protect water quality, protect and enhance beneficial uses, especially drinking water, reduce the regulatory burden to the regulated public, and promote proactive land management for the protection of water quality and beneficial uses.

The *General Winery and Certified Vineyard WDRs* Wine will require grape processor owners and certified vineyard owners to treat wine processing wastes and implement management practices to effectively control discharges (including wine grape processing waste and vineyard irrigation tailwater and overland flow) to meet water quality standards. The proposed *General Winery and Certified Vineyard WDRs* allow for enrollment and include tiered monitoring and reporting requirements to verify compliance (Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R3-2016-0032).

Significant changes to the dischargers of winery waste and certified vineyards include:

- Waiver eligibility reduced to 30 cases
- Replacement of the up to 10,000 cases production category (waiver category) with limited annual monitoring and reporting
- Reduction in cost for most vineyards (vineyards under 20 acres see a minor increase of approximately \$25 dollars per year)
- Easier enrollment for combined facilities - submit a single notice of intent to enroll in the program

- Certified vineyards will not be required to participate in the Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. Cooperative Monitoring Program

The deadline for comments on this draft Order is **November 18, 2016**. Please submit comments to:

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The extension of the comment period will necessitate a change of venue for the public hearing on this matter. The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing regarding this matter at its January 26-27, 2017 regularly scheduled public meeting in Santa Barbara. At the hearing, the Water Board will hear testimony and consider adoption of **Order No. R3-2016-0032**. Information and the agenda for the January 26-27, 2017 public meeting can be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2017/2017_agendas.shtml

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If you have questions regarding subscribing to receive electronic notification, please call Cyndee Jones at (805) 549-3372.

If you have any questions regarding the staff report, draft general waste discharge requirements, and draft revised monitoring and reporting requirements, or if you would like to receive a paper copy of the documents, please contact **Howard Kolb** at **805-549-3332** or by email at **Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov**, or Chris Adair at (805) 549-3761 or by email at **Chris.Adair@waterboards.ca.gov**.

Sincerely,



for
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