

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12-13, 2010

Prepared on April 13, 2010

ITEM NUMBER: 19

SUBJECT: **Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Corbett Vineyards, LLC (Order No. 97-65) and enrollment in the *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste* (Order No. R3-2008-0018)**

**KEY INFORMATION**

Discharger: Corbett Vineyards, LLC  
Location: 2195 Corbett Canyon Road, Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County  
Discharge Type: Winery  
Treatment: Settling and aeration in ponds  
Disposal: Onsite pasture irrigation, solids hauled for off-site composting  
Existing Order: Individual WDR Order No. 97-65  
**This Action: Rescind Individual Order and enroll in Region-wide General Order**

**SUMMARY**

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-65 to regulate discharge of winery wastewaters from Franzia Winery's Corbett Canyon Vineyard in San Luis Obispo County. The facilities are now owned by Corbett Vineyards, LLC. Based upon information provided in a Notice of Intent and gained through Water Board staff inspections of the facility, Corbett Vineyards qualifies for enrollment under the Central Coast Water Board's General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste (General Winery Order No. R3-2008-0018). Staff proposes that the Corbett Vineyards facility be enrolled under the General Winery Order concurrent with rescission of its individual waste discharge requirements.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 13263(e) of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes Regional Water Quality Control Boards to review waste discharge requirements periodically. The State Legislature has found that many older orders are out of date and therefore do not implement State laws, regulations, and revised Water Quality Control Plans. It is time to review waste discharge requirements for Corbett Vineyards (hereafter Discharger).

The Central Coast Water Board last adopted waste discharge requirements for this facility in 1997. Water Board staff inspected the facility and reviewed the Discharger's file for the following items:

- a. Compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan, statewide plans and policies, and federal and state laws and regulations;
- b. Correspondence;
- c. Compliance Inspection Reports;
- d. Self Monitoring Reports;

- e. Active enforcement orders; and
- f. Significant changes in discharge volume or characteristics or in the beneficial uses of receiving waters.

## DISCUSSION

Corbett Vineyards is located at 2195 Corbett Canyon Road, Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County. The facility receives, stores and processes grapes into wine. The winery process wastewater system was upgraded in 2007 to meet the conditions specified in the General Winery Order. The wastewater system includes screening, settling, and aeration in lined ponds. Treated wastewater is disposed as pasture irrigation on-site. Solids removed from the wastewater are hauled off-site to a composting facility. Sanitary waste is discharged to an onsite septic system. Accordingly, Corbett Vineyards meets the conditions for enrollment under General Winery Order No. R3-2008-0018. Rather than revise the existing order, staff recommends the Discharger be regulated by General Order No. R3-2008-0018, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste*, adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on February 8, 2008.

The General Winery Order implements applicable Water Board prohibitions, discharge specifications, management practices, and provisions to protect water quality. When the discharge is regulated by the General Winery Order, the individual Waste Discharge Requirements will not be necessary, and, therefore, Water Board staff recommends that the Water Board rescind Order No. 97-65 (attached).

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Waste discharge requirements for existing facilities are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resource Code, Section 21100 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

## COMMENTS

By letter dated April 13, 2010, Water Board staff notified the Discharger of its recommendation to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-65 and approve enrollment of the Discharger under the General Order. No comments or objections were received.

## RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-65 and enroll facility in the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste, Order No. R3-2008-0018.

## ATTACHMENT

Existing Order No. 97-65

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