Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER REQUIRING
E. & J. GALLO WINERY
FRESNO WINERY
FRESNO COUNTY

TO ELIMINATE THE DISCHARGE OF ION EXCHANGE REGENERATE TO LAND

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2015-0040 authorizes the discharge of winery process wastewater to land at E. & J. Gallo Winery’s Fresno Winery. E. & J. Gallo Winery (Gallo) also operates a composting facility within the Fresno Winery property (Compost Facility). During the processing of wine, juice, and colorants at the Fresno Winery, Gallo generates ion exchange regenerant (IER) as a byproduct that is used for moisture management and finishing of the compost at the Compost Facility.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has prepared a tentative Time Schedule Order that establishes milestones for Gallo to eliminate the application of IER to the Compost Facility. The proposed Time Schedule Order requires Gallo to eliminate the discharge of IER to compost by 1 January 2030. Gallo proposes to conduct a phased changeover from the ion exchange system to a bipolar membrane electrodialysis (BPED) system.

Enclosed is the tentative Time Schedule Order for Gallo. To be given full consideration, any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the tentative TSO must be submitted in writing to this office by 5:00 p.m. on 17 June 2022.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the tentative TSO has been sent only to Gallo. Others are advised that the tentative TSO will be available, within the next few days, on the Central Valley Water Board’s Tentative Orders website under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Items for Future Approval and/or Regional
Water Board Meetings" (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

Please email any comments to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and copy Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov. In the subject line of the email please include “TENTATIVE TSO REQUIRING GALLO TO ELIMINATE IER APPLICATION TO COMPOSTING FACILITY” and address the email to Jeffrey Pyle.

Although it is not required, we would appreciate receiving comments before the due date above. If you have any questions regarding the tentative TSO, or if you do not have Internet access and wish to request a paper copy, please contact Jeffrey Pyle at (559) 445-5145 or by email at Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Native American Tribal Government Consultation List, Fresno County (list attached)
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1 Please note that though the Draft Time Schedule Order is listed under this heading, the Central Valley Water Board’s Executive Officer has the delegated authority to issue the Time Schedule Order, which means that a hearing may not necessarily be conducted before the Board.