

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
NORTH COAST REGION**

Order No. R1-2026-0001

**CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
DISCHARGES OF WINE, BEVERAGE AND FOOD PROCESSOR WASTE TO LAND
IN THE NORTH COAST REGION**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds that:

1. Order No. R1-2026-0001 serves as a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (hereafter the Conditional Waiver or Order) for eligible wine, beverage, and food processing facilities in the North Coast Region that meet the requirements established in this Order.
2. This Order renews Order No. R1-2021-0001, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge of Wine, Beverage and Food Processor Waste to Land in the North Coast Region, that was adopted by the Regional Water Board on February 4, 2021.
3. Pursuant to Water Code section 13269(a)(2), a waiver may not exceed five years in duration. The Regional Water Board has reviewed Order No. R1-2021-0001 as required by the Water Code and determined that renewal via adoption of this Order, remains in the public interest when the authorized discharges meet the conditions specified in this Order.
4. Dischargers enrolled under Order No. R1-2021-0001 will automatically be enrolled under this Order as per condition six of the Application Process of this Order. Automatic renewal allows for continued discharge authorization for small wine, beverage, and food processor facilities operating in the North Coast Region.
5. For purposes of this Order, the types of wine, beverage and food (WBF) processing facilities that are eligible to apply for coverage under this Order include wineries, breweries, cider houses, non-alcoholic beverage producers, distilleries, post-slaughter cut and wrap meat processing facilities, fruit and vegetable processors, and dairy product manufacturers.
6. Those eligible WBF processing facilities that produce 1,500 gallons per day (gpd) or less of process wastewater measured as the total volume of wastewater produced during the consecutive 30 day period of greatest wastewater production¹ divided by

¹ The consecutive 30 day period of greatest wastewater production is called the Peak Production Period on the Technical Information Form (TIF) (Appendix B)

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thirty (30), and discharge that process wastewater to land may apply for coverage under this Order.

7. Additionally, wineries that produce 3,000 gpd or less of process wastewater measured as the total volume of wastewater produced during the consecutive 30 day period of greatest wastewater production divided by thirty (30); discharge that process wastewater to land; and produce no more than five gallons of wastewater for each gallon of wine produced annually (5:1 wastewater to wine ratio), may apply for coverage under this Order.
8. Discharges to land from such eligible WBF processing facilities have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, flow ranges, and treatment, disposal and reuse techniques.
9. This Order covers the discharge of WBF processing waste to land for the purpose of disposal or reuse. Reuse activities covered by this Order include the use of treated process wastewater as irrigation or frost protection water on agricultural land or landscaping and the use of nonhazardous decomposable solid waste as a soil amendment pursuant to best management practices.
10. For the purpose of this Order, WBF processing waste includes but is not limited to pomace, lees, fruit and vegetable matter, soil, washwater, cooling water, and the volume of stormwater sent to the WBF processor wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system as per the WBP processor treatment and disposal system design.
11. The discharge of WBF processing solids to land poses a minimal threat to waters of the state provided the facility complies with the conditions of this Order.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

12. California Water Code (Water Code) section 13260 subdivision (a) requires that any person discharging waste or proposing to discharge waste, other than to a community sewer system, that could affect the quality of the waters of the state, to file a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) with the Regional Water Board to obtain coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) or a waiver of WDRs. "Waste" is defined in Water Code section 13050 subdivision (d).
13. Pursuant to Water Code section 13263, a Regional Water Board prescribes WDRs except when it finds, pursuant to CWC section 13269, that a waiver of WDRs for a specific type of discharge is in the public interest.
14. Water Code section 13263 subdivision (i) authorizes the Regional Water Board to prescribe general WDRs for a category of discharges if the discharges are produced by the same or similar operations, involve the same or similar types of waste, require the same or similar treatment standards, and are more appropriately regulated under general WDRs than individual WDRs.

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15. Pursuant to Water Code section 13269, waivers of WDRs may be issued as to a specific discharge or type of discharge. Waivers shall not exceed five (5) years in duration. Enrollment in this Order: (a) is conditional; (b) may be terminated at any time; (c) does not permit an illegal activity; (d) does not preclude the need for permits which may be required by other local or governmental agencies; and (e) does not preclude the Regional Water Board from administering enforcement remedies (including civil penalties) pursuant to the Water Code and other applicable law.
16. This Order shall not create a vested right, and all discharges covered by it shall be considered a privilege, not a right, as provided under Water Code section 13263(g).
17. This Order applies to WBF processor waste discharged to land that poses a low or insignificant risk to groundwater.
18. WBF processing facilities that discharge process waste to land and either;
 - 1) produce process wastewater in excess of the rates established in this Order or
 - 2) potentially poses a significant threat to groundwater or surface water quality may be regulated by General Waste Discharge Requirements (e.g., Order No. R1-2016-0002) or facility-specific WDRs. A discharge of WBF processor waste to waters of the United States requires coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
19. This Order does not cover discharges associated with activities that are not described in this Order. For example, it does not cover discharges of hazardous material. Discharges of waste not specifically covered under this Order are prohibited, except as in compliance with the Water Code.

BASIN PLAN

20. All Orders adopted by the Regional Water Board are required to implement the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan). Therefore, this Order requires the Discharger to comply with all applicable Basin Plan provisions, including any prohibitions and water quality objectives governing the discharge.
21. Pursuant to the Basin Plan, the existing and potential beneficial uses of groundwater within the North Coast Region include: Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN), Agricultural Supply (AGR), Industrial Supply (IND), Industrial Process Supply (PROC), Freshwater Replenishment (FRSH), Aquaculture (AQUA), and Native American Culture (CUL).

ANTIDegradation ANALYSIS

22. State Water Board Resolution 68-16, the Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Waters of California (hereafter the Antidegradation Policy) requires the disposal of waste into waters of the state be regulated to achieve the highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state. The quality of some waters is higher than established by adopted policies and that

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higher quality water shall be maintained to the maximum extent possible consistent with the Antidegradation Policy. The Antidegradation Policy requires the following:

- a. Higher quality water will be maintained until it has been demonstrated to the state that any change will be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state, will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial use of the water, and will not result in water quality less than prescribed in the policies.
- b. Any activity that produces a waste and discharges to existing high quality waters will be required to meet WDRs that will result in the best practicable treatment or control of the discharge necessary to assure pollution or nuisance will not occur, and the highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state will be maintained.

23. The discharge of WBF processor waste to land is consistent with the Antidegradation Policy. Discharges covered by this Order have a potential to degrade localized groundwater, however, compliance with the conditions of this Order will ensure that any degradation will be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state, will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial use of such water, and will not cause an exceedance of applicable groundwater quality objectives. The following best practicable treatment and control requirements will be implemented to minimize degradation, prevent exceedance of any water quality objectives and prevent impacts to beneficial uses:

- a. This Order limits coverage to WBF processing facilities producing 1,500 gpd or less of process wastewater, or wineries that produce 3,000 gpd or less of process wastewater and achieve a 5:1 wastewater to wine ratio. Therefore, only small WBF processing waste discharges are eligible for coverage. A discharge of a low volume of process wastewater inherently has minimal potential to significantly degrade water quality.
- b. The reuse of process wastewater and solids on agricultural lands at an agronomic rate for the vegetation being grown ensures that leaching of excessively applied nutrients will not carry pollutants to shallow groundwater. It will also ensure that degradable organic matter is transformed in the unsaturated zone in a way that benefits soil structure and can be utilized by vegetation rather than migrating into shallow groundwater.
- c. The land application of process wastewater and solids shall be done in such a manner as to limit potential odors, nuisances and the comingling of constituents of concern with storm water. Discharges to surface waters are prohibited by this Order.
- d. The discharge of process wastewater to a leach field or spreading basin disposal system shall be designed in such a manner as to adequately treat and dispose of the specific type of process wastewater originating from that facility. Systems shall include pre-screening for solids removal, adequate separation to groundwater and in some instances dual disposal fields to prevent organic overloading of the soil.

- e. This Order requires that the Discharger utilize a pollutant source reduction strategy and limit the amount of cleaning, disinfection, neutralizing, and other types of chemicals in the process wastewater that could possibly impact groundwater.

This Order is consistent with the Antidegradation Policy because it includes specific requirements and conditions of discharge to minimize water quality degradation. The Monitoring and Reporting Program will confirm that best practicable treatment and control methods are implemented.

24. Limited degradation of groundwater by some waste constituents associated with wine, beverage and food processor waste, after effective source control, treatment, and control measures are implemented, is consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state. The continued economic prosperity of communities and associated industry is of maximum benefit to the people of the state and provides sufficient justification for allowing the limited groundwater degradation that may occur pursuant to this Order. The requirements of the Order are set as to avoid unreasonably affecting present and anticipated beneficial uses, and to prevent exceedances of water quality objectives, and monitoring is established to ensure this compliance. Any change to water quality will be consistent with the maximum benefit of the people of the State, and the highest water quality consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State will be maintained.
25. The Order is consistent with the Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (Non-Point Source Policy). Implementation of the Order will promote attainment of Water Quality Objectives. The Order incorporates antidegradation requirements as described in Findings 22-24; describes management practices and performance standards to be met; requires annual monitoring and reporting, and cumulative reports to provide a feedback mechanism to the Regional Water Board on the effectiveness of the management practices; sets clear milestones for meeting objectives; and states the consequences for failure to meet Order requirements, which may include: modification of Order requirements to require additional management measures and mitigations; and enforcement action for failure to comply with Order conditions including reporting requirements.
26. The Discharger is required to submit an initial electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) via the State's California Integrated Water Quality System Project (CIWQS) computer system (Appendix A) to determine eligibility for enrollment under the Order. If the Discharger is found to be eligible for enrollment they are required to submit to the Regional Water Board a complete Technical Information Form (TIF) (Appendix B) when applying for coverage under this Order. The technical information required in the TIF will disclose sufficient information about the operations of the facilities and the waste being generated to demonstrate best practicable treatment and control is being implemented and to allow Regional Water Board staff to determine whether the proposed discharge qualifies for coverage under this Order.

27. Reporting of the Discharger's efforts to achieve sustained water quality protection is required in an Annual Monitoring Report, as per Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2026-0001 (Appendix C) that is due to the Regional Water Board by February 1 of each year. The Annual Monitoring Report shall document compliance with the conditions of this Order and continued eligibility for enrollment under the Order.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

28. As lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Regional Water Board provided notice of intent to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for Order No. R1-2016-0003 on October 23, 2015 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15072). The mitigated negative declaration reflected the Regional Water Board's independent judgment and analysis. After considering the document and comments received during the public review process, the Regional Water Board determined that the Project, with mitigation measures, would not have a significant effect on the environment and adopted the mitigated negative declaration on January 28, 2016. The Regional Water Board has reviewed and considered the prior environmental documentation described above and finds that none of the conditions described in California Code of Regulations title 14, section 15162 have occurred such that preparation of additional environmental documents pursuant to CEQA is required. The documents or other materials, which constitute the record, are located at 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. The Regional Water Board filed a Notice of Determination on February 22, 2016. Mitigation measures necessary to reduce or eliminate significant impacts on the environment and monitoring and reporting are incorporated as conditions of approval below.

TITLE 27 EXEMPTION

29. The wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal activities described in this Order are exempt from the requirements of Consolidated Regulations for Treatment, Storage, Processing, or Disposal of Solid Waste, as set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 27, section 20005, et seq. (hereafter title 27). The activities are exempt from title 27 requirements pursuant to section 20090 so long as the activity meets, and continues to meet, all preconditions listed:

- a. Subparagraph (b) Wastewater—Discharges of wastewater to land, including but not limited to evaporation ponds, percolation ponds, spreading basins or subsurface leach fields if the following conditions are met:
 - i. the applicable Regional Water Board has issued WDRs, reclamation requirements, or waived such issuance;
 - ii. the discharge is in compliance with the applicable water quality control plan; and
 - iii. the wastewater does not need to be managed according to California Code of Regulations, title 22, chapter 11, division 4.5, as a hazardous waste.
- b. Subparagraph (f) Soil Amendments—Use of nonhazardous decomposable waste as a soil amendment pursuant to applicable best management practices, provided that Regional Water Boards may issue waste discharge or reclamation requirements for such use.

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

30. The monitoring and reporting program requirements in this Order and MRP R1-2026-0001 (Appendix C) are necessary to determine compliance with the conditions of the Order and to determine the facilities impacts, if any, on groundwater.
31. As such, the burden, including costs, of this monitoring bears a reasonable relationship to the need for that information and the benefits to be obtained from that information.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

32. The Regional Water Board has notified the public, all known potential Dischargers, and all other known interested parties of the intent to adopt this Order.

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33. The North Coast Water Board has satisfied the outreach requirements set forth in Water Code section 189.7 by conducting outreach in disadvantaged and tribal communities.
34. Pursuant to Water Code section 13149.2, the North Coast Water Board reviewed readily available information and information raised to the Board by interested persons concerning anticipated water quality impacts in disadvantaged or tribal communities resulting from adoption of any changes to this Waiver. The Board also considered environmental justice concerns within the Board's authority and raised by interested persons with regard to those impacts. The Board anticipates that the issuance of this waiver will not result in water quality impacts or environmental justice concerns within the scope of the Board's authority

PUBLIC MEETING

35. The Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing on February 18, 2026, in Crescent City, California and considered all evidence concerning this matter.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that pursuant to Water Code section 13269 the North Coast Regional Water Board adopts this "Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Wine, Beverage and Food Processor Waste to Land" and waives the requirement to obtain WDRs for those eligible Dischargers who:

- a. Comply with the terms and conditions set forth herein, and
- b. Receive a waiver Notice of Coverage (NOC) letter from the Regional Water Board.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. A Discharger seeking coverage under this Order shall submit an initial electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) via the State's California Integrated Water Quality System Project (CIWQS) computer system (Appendix A) to determine eligibility for

enrollment under the Order. If the Discharger is found to be eligible for enrollment, they are required to submit to the Regional Water Board a complete eNOI and TIF. A link to the eNOI and the TIF are included as Appendix A and Appendix B of this Order. The information required with the eNOI and TIF is equivalent to a ROWD.

2. Upon review of the eNOI and TIF, Regional Water Board staff will determine if coverage under this Order is appropriate. The Regional Water Board Executive Officer will issue a NOC letter when coverage under this Order has been authorized. Coverage under the Order will take effect on the issue date of the NOC letter.
3. A Discharger covered under the Order shall submit an updated eNOI and TIF to the Regional Water Board when there is any change in the information submitted within the original eNOI and TIF, or any change in activities at the facility, that may affect the quality or quantity of the waste discharge.
4. This Order does not authorize discharges from WBF processing facilities that have not submitted an eNOI and TIF, and WBF processing facilities that have not received a NOC letter from the Regional Water Board.
5. The Executive Officer may require any Discharger covered under this Order to apply for and obtain coverage under Order No. R1-2016-0002, General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Wine, Beverage and Food Processor Waste to Land (General WDR Order), the State Water Resource Control Board's general WDR Order, Waste Discharge Requirements Order for Winery Process Water, Order No. WQ 2021-0002-DWQ , or individual WDRs. Immediately upon receiving coverage under the General WDR Order or issuance of individual WDRs for the discharge, coverage under this Order is terminated.
6. Dischargers regulated under Order No. R1-2021-0001 are automatically enrolled under this Order and are not required to submit an eNOI and TIF, unless there is any change in the information submitted within the original eNOI and TIF, or any change in activities at the facility, that may affect the quality or quantity of the waste discharge.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

All Dischargers shall comply with the following conditions as well as any site-specific conditions listed in the Notice of Coverage letter.

1. The discharge of any waste not specifically regulated by this Order is prohibited.
2. The discharge of wastes to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited.
3. The discharge of waste classified as "hazardous", as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 2521 or Water Code section 13050(p) is prohibited.
4. Bypass or overflow of untreated or partially treated WBF processing waste from anywhere within the collection, treatment, or disposal system is prohibited.

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5. The discharge or reuse of WBF processing waste on land that is not under the control of the Discharger is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Executive Officer in the NOC letter.
6. The discharge of WBF process wastewater to a subsurface disposal system with less than a five-foot separation to groundwater, as measured in wet weather conditions during disposal field site evaluation activities, is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Officer.
7. The reuse or disposal of treated WBF process wastewater to agricultural lands or landscaping shall:
 - a. Not be applied to the land application area within 24 hours of a forecasted precipitation event with a greater than 50-percent probability of occurring; during a precipitation event; within 24 hours after a precipitation event of a ½ inch or more precipitation that results in a storm water discharge from the land application area; and when the land application area surface soil is saturated. The Discharger shall visually observe and inspect the land application area to verify compliance.
 - b. Be applied at a rate consistent with or less than the nutrient agronomic rate for nitrogen and the water need of the crop or vegetation being grown.
 - c. Not be applied within 25 feet of surface water or a surface water drainage course unless the land application area is graded or bermed to prevent runoff into the surface water or drainage course.
8. The reuse of non-hazardous, decomposable, process solid wastes to land as a soil amendment shall:
 - a. Not be applied to the land application area within 24 hours of a forecasted precipitation event of a ½ inch or more precipitation with a greater than 50-percent probability of occurring; during a precipitation event of a ½ inch or more precipitation; within 24 hours after a precipitation event of a ½ inch or more precipitation or that results in a storm water discharge from the land application area; and when the land application area surface soil is saturated. The Discharger shall visually observe and inspect the land application area to verify compliance.
 - b. Be applied in accordance with the application methods, rates, and management practices proposed in the TIF unless the Discharger finds that specific changes are necessary to ensure compliance with the conditions of this Order.
 - c. Be applied at or less than the nutrient agronomic rates for the crop or vegetation being grown.
 - d. Not be applied within 25 feet of a surface water drainage course unless the land application area is graded or bermed to prevent runoff into the drainage course.

9. WBF process wastewater treatment pond systems covered by this Order shall be designed and operated to:
 - a. Maintain a dissolved oxygen concentration in the upper zone of the pond (within one foot depth) of not less than 1.0 mg/l at any time.
 - b. For ponds without an overflow pipe, maintain at least two (2) feet of freeboard, defined as the elevation difference between the liquid level in the pond and the top of the bank, at all times.
 - c. For ponds with an overflow pipe, maintain at least two (2) feet of freeboard, defined as the elevation difference between the liquid level in the pond and the bottom of the overflow pipe, at all times.
10. The temporary storage of WBF processing solid waste on-site prior to land application or off-site disposal shall be fully contained and stored in such a way that leachate or stormwater coming in contact with the waste is managed in accordance with this Order as process wastewater.
11. The discharge shall not create or threaten to create a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined by Water Code section 13050.
12. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to reduce any nutrient, salinity and chemical loadings to the wastewater treatment and disposal system and the underlying groundwater by implementing water conservation and waste minimization measures such as pressure washing, wash water reuse, and minimizing the use of non-biodegradable cleaners, chemicals and salt-containing additives.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Each Discharger granted coverage under this Order shall comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2026-0001 (Appendix C), which is attached hereto and made a part of this Order and with any revisions thereto as ordered by the Executive Officer.
2. A copy of this Order and the NOC letter shall be kept at the facility for reference by operating personnel. Key operating and site management personnel must be familiar with these documents.
3. If the Discharger wishes to terminate coverage under this Order, the Discharger shall submit a letter to the Executive Officer requesting such termination. A Regional Water Board staff inspection of the facility may be required prior to termination of coverage. Termination of coverage from the Order will become effective 30 days from the date requested in the Discharger's letter, unless the Water Board notifies the Discharger otherwise. All discharges shall cease before the effective date of termination, and any discharges on or after this date shall be considered in violation of the California Water Code section 13260 unless covered by another Waiver of WDRs or WDR Order.

4. In the event of any change in control or ownership of land or waste discharge facilities presently owned or controlled by the Discharger, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board of such changes in writing, and shall also notify the succeeding owner or operator of the existence of this Order and current compliance status in writing. The succeeding owner or operator, in order to obtain authorization for discharges regulated by this Order, must apply in writing to the Executive Officer, requesting transfer of the Order. This request must include the submittal of a complete eNOI which includes identification of the new owner or operator, the reasons for the change, and the effective date of the change. Discharges conducted without submittal of this request will be considered discharges without waste discharge requirements, which are violations of the California Water Code section 13260.
5. The Discharger is required to notify the Regional Water Board of any material change in the type of waste being discharged or any planned alteration to the facility that may change the characteristics, volumes or concentration of pollutants in the discharge.
6. The Discharger shall take all steps to prevent any discharge in violation of this Order.
7. The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain the wastewater treatment and disposal system to achieve compliance with this Order.
8. The Discharger shall allow Regional Water Board representatives to: (a) enter premises where wastes are stored or disposed of; (b) copy any records required to be kept under the terms of this Order; (c) inspect monitoring equipment required by this Order; and (d) sample, photograph, and video record any discharge, waste, waste management unit, or monitoring equipment.
9. All technical and monitoring reports submitted pursuant to this Order are required pursuant to Water Code section 13267. Failure to submit reports in accordance with schedules established by this Order, the appendices of this Order, or failure to submit a report of sufficient technical quality to be acceptable to the Executive Officer, may subject the Discharger to enforcement action pursuant to Water Code section 13268.
10. The eNOI, TIF, monitoring reports, and any other information required by the Regional Water Board shall be signed as follows:
 - a. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of senior vice-president or a duly authorized representative of that person.
 - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor or a duly authorized representative of that person.

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- c. For a municipality or public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected or appointed official or a duly authorized representative of that person.
11. The Discharger shall implement the project as described in the eNOI and TIF. Violation of any requirements contained in this Order subject the Discharger to enforcement action, including civil liability, under the Water Code.
12. Any person signing a document required by this Order shall make the following certification:
- “I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, the information is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.”
13. Pursuant to Water Code section 13269, this action waiving the issuance of WDRs for small WBF processors is: (a) conditional; (b) may be terminated at any time; (c) does not permit an illegal activity; (d) does not preclude the need for permits which may be required by other local, state or federal agencies; (e) requires monitoring and (f) does not preclude the Regional Water Board from administering enforcement remedies (including civil liability) pursuant to the California Water Code.
14. The Executive Officer or North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board may terminate the coverage of this Order for any individual discharger at any time when such termination is in the public interest or the activity could affect the quality or beneficial uses of the waters of the state.
15. This Order shall become effective on February 18, 2026 and shall expire on February 18, 2031, unless terminated or renewed by the Regional Water Board prior to that date.
16. The Regional Water Board may review this Order at any time and may modify or terminate this Order in its entirety, as applicable for a specific type of WBF processing discharge, or for individual dischargers, as appropriate.
- I, Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on February 18, 2026.

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Valerie Quinto
Date: 2026.03.18
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Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer

APPENDIX A – eNOI

The electronic application (also referred to as an electronic Notice of Intent, eNOI, or electronic form), is part of the application for coverage under Order No. R1-2026-0001.

The electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI, electronic form) is accessible through the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) at [Electronic Notice of Intent \(eNOI\)](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/EformsServlet?Purpose=goToUserInfo&Redirect_Page=eforms/eformsUserInfo.jsp) (https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/EformsServlet?Purpose=goToUserInfo&Redirect_Page=eforms/eformsUserInfo.jsp).

Completion of the eNOI on a mobile device is not recommended.

Internet browsers such as Google Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge, and Mozilla Firefox are the suggested source web browsers for application completion.

APPENDIX B – TECHNICAL INFORMATION FORM (TIF)

Complete all applicable sections of this form and attach the required maps, diagrams, laboratory data, etc. A Notice of Coverage letter will not be issued unless the Report of Waste Discharge is complete and demonstrates that Order No. R1-2026-0001 (Order) is applicable to the proposed discharge.

1. PROCESSING FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Name:

Facility Address:

2. LOCATION MAP

Provide a map or accurately scaled and labeled drawing showing the location of the Wine, Beverage, or Food (WBF) processing facility in the context of the general vicinity.

3. FACILITY SITE PLAN OR MAP

Provide a map or an accurately scaled and labeled drawing showing a plan view of the WBF processing facility showing all relevant site features and locations of the WBF process wastewater system, including storage structures, and discharge location(s). Also include on the map the location of the process solids storage area, on-site wells, on-site drainage courses and nearby surface waters.

4. OTHER MAPS OR PLANS (OPTIONAL)

Provide other maps, plans, or sketches, as desired, to illustrate the WBF processing wastewater treatment and disposal system location or design features.

5. FACILITY TYPE AND PRODUCTION CAPACITY Additional information attached

TYPE OF PROCESSING FACILITY:

Winery Brewery Cider House Distillery

Olive Oil Cannery Fruit or Vegetable Processing

Cut and Wrap Meat Packaging Dairy Product

Other beverage Other food

6. PRODUCTION INFORMATION Additional information attached

Processing Season (include start and end dates):

Annual Processing Volume of Produce or Commodity (e.g. grapes, malt, olives, milk)

Weight (tons): or Volume (gallons):

Annual Production Volume:

Cases of Wine:

Gallons of other Liquid (e.g. beer, olive oil, etc.):

Pounds of Product (e.g. meat, cheese, potatoes, etc.):

7. REGIONAL WATER BOARD DISCHARGE COVERAGE Additional information attached

Identify whether the WBF processing facility is new or existing. For existing facilities identify the current Regional Water Board permit coverage authorizing the discharge of process wastewater and solids to land in a manner protective of water quality. If the discharge has not been authorized by a Regional Water Board permit or action, check the “No coverage” box.

New WBF Processing Facility (no operations to date)

Planned Operations Start Date: Planned date of first Discharge:

Existing WBF Processing Facility

Currently (check one): In operation or Not in operation

Current or historical discharge authorization (check all applicable boxes):

Issues Facility Specific Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR)

WDR Order No.:

Enrolled under General Winery WDR Order R1-2002-0012

Issues Small Winery Waiver Letter

Other:

No coverage

8. EXISTING PERMITS - OTHER AGENCIES Additional information attached

Identify the following for all permits issued by other agencies for the facility and/or the facility wastewater system (e.g. conditional use permit, building permit, grading permit):

<u>Permit Type or Subject</u>	<u>Permit Agency</u>	<u>Permit Number</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>

9. WASTEWATER TO WINE RATIO (IF APPLICABLE) Additional information attached

Only wineries producing between 1,501gpd to 3,000 gpd of process wastewater are required to provide information for this section of the TIF.

Annual volume of process wastewater: gallons

Annual volume of wine produced at the facility: gallons (Includes tons of grapes processed, wine received, and juice received at the facility)

Waste water to wine ratio:

10. TREATMENT, DISPOSAL AND/OR REUSE Additional information attached

Check all that apply. In addition provide a detailed description of processes and practices for treatment, disposal, and/or reuse of solid and liquid waste streams. Include engineering design information.

INITIAL TREATMENT

- Solids Separation Method
 pH Neutralization Method

TREATMENT/STORAGE

- Septic Tank
Tank Volume (gallons):

Detention Time (days):

Equipped with Effluent Filter?
Yes No

Equipped with Effluent Filter?
Yes No

- Pond
Total Volume (gallons):

Facultative Aerobic

with Aerators Yes No

Detention Time (days):

number of aerators:

Number of Ponds:

Pond Lining? Yes No

Type of Liner:

 Constructed Wetland

Detention Time:

DISPOSAL**Treated or Untreated Wastewater** Aboveground DisposalUse: Irrigation Frost Protection

Disposal Area Size (acres):

Irrigation Method: Drip Overhead

Other Irrigation Method:

 Subsurface Disposal and At Grade Disposal:Type: Conventional Leach field; Special Design System; Subsurface Drip; Other:Inspection Ports: Yes No 100% Replacement Area: Yes No

Total Leachline Length:

Depth of trench:

Depth to groundwater (feet below ground surface):

Number of spreading basins:

Total basin acreage:

Method and Location of Processing Solids Disposal:

 Other Treatment and/or Disposal Methods:**11. FLOW DIAGRAM**

Provide a flow chart or schematic diagram showing the WBF process wastewater system components and the path of process wastewater flow throughout the system, from source water to final disposal.

12. WASTEWATER FLOWS AND DESIGN FLOWS Additional information attached

	<u>Average Daily Flow</u> (gallons per day)	<u>Maximum Daily Flow</u> (gallons per day)
Wastewater Flow, Peak Production Period		
Wastewater Flow, Non-Peak Production Period		
Treatment System Design Flow		
Disposal System Design Flow		

13. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION Additional information attached

Information Provided:

- Water Balance Engineering Plans Soil Borings
 Significant Separation to Groundwater (include date of determination)
 Percolation Test Monitoring Wells Other:

Explain how above cited information demonstrates protection:

14. STORM WATER PERMIT COVERAGE Additional information attached

For facilities currently regulated under the statewide Industrial Storm Water Permit, identify the following:

WDID No.:

Stormwater Program NOI Date:

Has a "No Exposure Certification" been issued for this facility?

Yes No If yes, date:

Has a "Notice of Non Applicability" been issued for this facility?

Yes No If yes, date:

Has a "Notice of Termination" been issued for this facility?

Yes No If yes, date:

15. SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision, in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

Title:

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APPENDIX C – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R1-2026-0001

Dischargers regulated under the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Wine, Beverage and Food Processor Waste to Land, Order No. R1-2026-0001 (hereafter Order) shall be subject to the following monitoring and reporting requirements, unless such requirements are modified by the Executive Officer.

California Water Code section 13267 authorizes the Regional Water Board to require technical and monitoring reports. This MRP establishes monitoring and reporting requirements to determine the Dischargers' compliance with the Order. Any person failing to furnish technical or monitoring reports or falsifying any information therein is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to civil liability. (California Water Code section 13268)

I. Reporting Requirements

Each Discharger granted coverage under the Order shall submit an annual monitoring report no later than February 1st of each year. The report shall describe the process waste management activities during the previous calendar year and shall contain the monitoring information listed below.

II. Facility Process and Production Monitoring

A statement describing the annual processing and production volume of the facility; information shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- A.** The type and annual volume of raw material being processed (for example: tons of grapes or gallons of milk).
- B.** The volume of final product produced annually (for example: cases or gallons of wine or pounds of cheese).
- C.** The start and end date of the processing season. If year-round processing takes place, report as year-round processing.
- D.** The wastewater to wine production ratio, if known (Only those wineries producing between 1,501 to 3,000 gallons of process wastewater a day, as averaged over the consecutive 30 day period of greatest wastewater production, are required to report this ratio).

III. Process Wastewater Monitoring Requirements

A statement of how the process wastewater was disposed of, such as to a leachfield or spreading basin disposal system; to a pasture or vineyard as irrigation or frost protection water; or hauled off-site for disposal.

- A.** For leachfield or spreading basin disposal systems the following information is required:
 - 1.** The gallons of process wastewater discharged daily to the disposal system (reported in gallons per day, (gpd)), as averaged over the consecutive 30 day

period of greatest wastewater production. Also include the start and end date of the 30 day period.

2. A description of how this flow measurement was derived.
3. A detailed description of the operation and maintenance activities that took place on the disposal system during the year to ensure compliance with the Order, such as: date and quantity of pumping of solids holding tank; dates of monthly rotation of the disposal field/basin; dates of monthly cleaning of effluent filter; dates and findings of weekly inspection of the disposal field/basin during peak production and any follow-up actions; etc.

B. For irrigation or frost protection reuse systems the following information is required:

1. The gallons of process wastewater discharged daily (reported in gpd), as averaged over the consecutive 30 day period of greatest wastewater production. Also include the start and end date of the 30 day period.
2. A description of how this flow measurement was derived.
3. The number of acres the wastewater was applied to and the types of crop being grown there.
4. The date(s) wastewater was land applied and a description of the application procedures.
5. A description of the operation and maintenance activities that took place on the system during the year to ensure compliance with the Order, such as: dates and quantity of pumped solids from the holding tank or pond; dates and measurements of pond freeboard verification monitoring; dates and measurements of pond dissolved oxygen monitoring verification; dates and description of monthly cleaning of effluent filter(s); dates and findings of daily inspection of the land application area; etc.

C. For off-site disposal the following information is required:

1. The dates, locations and gallons of process wastewater disposed of off-site.
2. Copies of receipts of licensed hauler or disposal facility that accepted the wastewater.

IV. Process Solids Monitoring Requirements

A statement of how the processing, decomposable, nonhazardous solid waste is disposed of; such as applied to agricultural land as a soil amendment; or hauled off-site for disposal or reuse as animal feed.

A. For land application as a soil amendment the following information is required:

1. An estimate of the annual volume and type of nonhazardous, decomposable process waste applied to land as a soil amendment.
2. The location of the land application area, acreage and crops grown.
3. The date(s) process solids were land applied and a description of the land application procedures, including application area inspection dates and observations.
4. A description of how process solid waste was stored.

B. For off-site disposal or reuse the following information is required:

1. An estimate of the annual volume and type of solid waste disposed or reused off-site.
2. The off-site location where the solid waste was taken.
3. Copies of receipts of licensed hauler or disposal facility that accepted the solid waste.

V. Compliance Assessment

A statement of whether any non-compliance with requirements of the Order occurred over the calendar year, what those activities were, and any actions taken or planned with a time schedule for correcting those violations, such as operational or facility modifications.

VI. Spill Notification

Information regarding all spills and unauthorized discharges of process wastewater or solids that may endanger health or the environment shall be first reported to the Regional Water Board within 24 hours from the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. Discharges of process waste to surface waters shall immediately be reported to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) at (800)-852-7550. A written report of the incident and follow up activities shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board within seven days of the time of the spill or unauthorized discharge. Information to be reported initially to the Regional Water Board shall include:

- A. Name and contact information of caller;
- B. Date, time, and location of spill occurrence;
- C. Estimates of spill volume, rate of flow, and spill duration, if available and reasonably accurate;

- D. Surface water bodies impacted, if any and the Cal OES incident reporting number;
- E. Cause of spill, if known at the time of the notification;
- F. Cleanup actions taken or repairs made at the time of the notification; and
- G. Responding agencies.

Electronic Reporting

The annual monitoring report should be submitted to the Regional Water Board via e-mail to NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov or on disk (CD or DVD) in a Portable Document Format (PDF) file in lieu of paper-sourced documents. The guidelines for electronic submittal of documents can be found on the [Regional Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast) (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast>).

VII. Signature and Submittal

The annual monitoring report shall be signed by a duly authorized representative, as identified in the "General Conditions" section of the Order. The person signing the annual report shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."