
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING of ORDER No. R1-2021-0001

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

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Wine, Beverage and Food Processor Waste to Land in the North Coast Region, Order No. R1-2021-0001. Order No. R1-2021-0001 will renew and replace Order No. R1-2016-0003, 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 January 28, 2016.

This item will be open for public comment between **October 30, 2020, and November 10, 2020.**

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider adoption of the draft Order is scheduled for **February 3 or 4, 2021**, at 8:30 a.m., at the North Coast Regional Water Board office located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the draft Order.

During the COVID-19 emergency, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, the Water Boards are developing solutions to allow for upcoming board meetings to proceed by means of remote participation. Please follow our website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast for updates.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast). At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Order.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office written copies of all legal argument, technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by the deadline listed above.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on **November 10, 2020**. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4). During the pendency of this proceeding, there shall be no ex parte communications between Regional Water Board members and participants. This includes communications on substantive or controversial procedural matters. (Gov. Code, §§ 11430.10-11430.80.)

The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 20 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger may be limited to three minutes. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The Proposed Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The tentative Order is also available for review on the North Coast Regional Water Board website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Patti Corsie at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Staff Contact

Questions regarding the draft Order should be directed to Rachel Prat, by phone at 707-576-2542 or email at Rachel.Prat@waterboards.ca.gov.

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