
State Water Resources Control Board

**Proposed Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Winery
Process Water (Winery General Order)**

Fees Stakeholder Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 1:30-3:30 PM

Webcast Link: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

This meeting will only be held remotely by webcast and Zoom.

To participate via Zoom, please send an email to FeeBranch@waterboards.ca.gov.

Questions about fees may be submitted prior to and during the meeting to
FeeBranch@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Guiding Principles for Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF) Program Fees

These are the guidelines the State Water Board uses to develop and modify the fee schedules for all WDPF programs. They are based on a number of factors, including, in part, the authority provided by Water Code section 13260 and direction from the Department of Finance:

1. **Revenue Neutral (if some pay less, others will need to pay more)** – The State Water Board allocates a proportional amount of the budget based on allocated PYs to each program and must set fees targeted to that revenue amount. Any changes to the fee methodology or individual fee amount must result in the same total revenue amount.
2. **Not a Fee for Service model** – While fees are collected to support program activities, fee amounts are tied to the potential threat of pollution to the waters of the state and not the staff time spent on an individual facility in any given year. This allows for the Water Boards to support staff activities for which there are no current direct fee payers, including the development of new permits, enrollment of new dischargers, redirected and indirect costs and other program priorities. In addition, staff does not track time spent on individual dischargers.
3. **Fees must be able to be implemented statewide** – Fees are set to support all program activities across all regions, including staff at the State Board.
4. **Indirect and Foundation Program costs are added on top of direct program expenditures** – These costs are added to all WDPF programs proportional to their allocated WDPF budget. Indirect costs generally include overhead and administrative expenses. Foundation program costs cover program support for which there are no direct fee payers, like TMDL and Basin Planning, Enforcement, Beach Monitoring, Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) and Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA).
5. **Fees should be set to minimize yearly swings** – Stakeholders have requested that the State Water Board adjust fees annually in a way that will avoid significant yearly swings to allow dischargers the ability to better budget for fees, especially for those operating on a calendar cycle other than the state fiscal year.

Winery General Order Projected Program Expenditures

Staff Workload	Statewide PYs	Average Cost per PY	Annual Staff Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) applications • Monitoring and Reporting (MRP) approval and Notice of Applicability (NOA) issuance • Annual report reviews and follow-up • Inspections: pre-permit and compliance • Report development and database input • Compliance assistance 	<p>Statewide Total: 17 PYs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board: 2 • Regional Boards: 15 	<p>\$200,000</p>	<p>\$3,400,000</p>

Winery General Order Fee Schedule Overview

Tiers	Total Winery Process Water Volume ¹ (gal/yr)	Proposed Fee
De minimis	≤ 10,000	TBD
Tier 1	10,001 – 100,000	TBD
Tier 2	100,001 – 300,000	TBD
Tier 3	301,000 – 1,000,000	TBD
Tier 4	> 1,000,000	TBD

¹ Total process water volume can be measured directly via flowmeter or, for Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities only, may be calculated (e.g., assumed equal to facility source water use, determined from a storage tank water balance).

Potential Fee Reductions:

- Dischargers enrolled in a Local Agency Oversight Program
- Dischargers certified under a sustainability program accepted by the State Water Board or regional water board