



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING concerning

STIPULATED CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R5-2025-XXXX FOR

E. & J. GALLO WINERY FRESNO WINERY FRESNO COUNTY

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) Prosecution Team has reached agreement with E. & J. Gallo Winery (Gallo or Discharger) on a Stipulated Cease and Desist Order (Stipulated Order) for the Discharger's Fresno Winery (Facility). Discharger owns and operates the Facility at 5610 East Olive Avenue in Fresno, California. The Facility property consists of about 700 acres in portions of Sections 28 and 33, T13S, R21E, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian. Winery wastewater is discharged to crops in four land application areas (LAAs) (LAAs 1 - 4) totaling about 409 of the 700 acres.

Facility discharges are regulated by *Order R5-2015-0040, Waste Discharge Requirements for E. & J. Gallo Winery, Fresno Winery (WDRs)*, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 17 April 2015. The Discharger is alleged to have violated the WDRs. The violations are described in the proposed Stipulated Order. Copies of the Stipulation for Entry of Cease and Desist Order (Stipulation Agreement) and the proposed Stipulated Order are enclosed.

Public Hearing Date and Location

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board's meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 19-20 June 2025

TIME: To Be Determined

PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Remote meeting option via video teleconference

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the [Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings). The final meeting agenda will be available at least **10 days before the meeting** at the website above. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order.

Nature and Purpose of Hearing

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the Stipulated Order. This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The [procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

Prehearing Submission of Written Comments and Evidence

The **Discharger** is a party to this proceeding and may present evidence, including oral testimony. As a party, the Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on 2 June 2025 via email to Jeffrey.Hannel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Interested persons include any non-party that is interested in the outcome of the hearing. Interested persons wishing to comment in writing on the tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on 2 June 2025 via email to Jeffrey.Hannel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board Chair may refuse to admit written evidence or comments that are not submitted in accordance with this Notice and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered by the Board.

Visual Presentations

Hearing participants may use PowerPoint or other visual presentations at the hearing, but the presentation content shall not exceed the scope of previously submitted written material. Presentations, if any, must be provided to the Central Valley Water Board by 12:00 p.m. on 12 June 2025. Please contact Jeffrey Hannel at Jeffrey.Hannel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Hearing Procedure and Time Limits

The hearing on the tentative Order will be conducted in the general order listed under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.5, except that the Board Chair may modify the order for good cause.

The **Discharger** and any other designated Party will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation, including any witness examination, and closing statement. The Discharger and any other designated Party are invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time they believe is necessary.

Interested persons may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals, if any. Each interested person will have three minutes to present oral comments. Additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

Hearing Accommodations

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or calling (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Availability of Documents

A copy of the tentative Order and related documents are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required, but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents. A copy of the Stipulated Order and related documents are also available upon request by contacting Jeff Hannel by email at Jeffrey.Hannel@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 445-6193.

Central Valley Water Board Contact

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Jeffrey Hannel by email at Jeffrey.Hannel@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 445-6193. Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



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