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Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Notice of Intent Instructions  
General Waste Discharge Requirements  
Order No. R3-2017-0020  
for  
Discharges of Winery Waste**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document aids with completion of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R3-2017-0020 for Discharges of Winery Waste. In other words, this will assist you in completing the application for your winery wastewater permit. If you are unable to find the answers to your questions or need assistance with completion of the NOI please contact a Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) representative (Table 1). Each section within the NOI must be completed, do not state "Same as above."

**SECTION 1: REASON FOR FILING**

- **New Discharge or Facility:** A new discharge of winery production wastewater from a new or existing winery or new facility that is proposing to discharge production wastewater but does not currently exist, or that does not yet have a permit from the Central Coast Water Board.
- **Facility Modification:** A material change in design, chemical usage, or operation from existing discharge requirements. A material change in characteristics of the waste from existing discharge requirements. Final determination of whether the reported change is substantially different from prior conditions will be made by Central Coast Water Board staff.
- **Wavier Expiration:** Waivers expire 5 years after the effective date. Prior to expiration, an updated NOI must be submitted.
- **Changes in Ownership/Operator:** Change of legal owner of the facility.
- **Update of Waste Discharge Requirements:** WDRs must periodically be updated to reflect changing technology standards and conditions.

- **Other:** If there is another reason than the ones listed, please describe the reason on the space provided. (If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet).

**Table 1 - Central Coast Water Board Waste Discharge Requirement Staff.**

<b>WDR Program Staff</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Email</b>
Cecile Blancarte	San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo	Cecile.Blancarte@waterboards.ca.gov
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## **SECTION 2: GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Facility:** Winery or vineyard applying for permit.

**Facility Owner:** Information to be submitted must correspond to the legally responsible party applying for this permit. Annual billing statements will be mailed to the listed legally responsible party's address. The listed Facility Owner must be one of the following:

- a. For a corporation: a principle executive officer of at least the level of vice president.
- b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
- c. For a public agency: either a principle executive officer or ranking elected official.
- d. For a LLC: either a member or manager given signing authority by the operating agreement of LLC.
- e. a "duly authorized representative" of one of the above.

**Facility Operator:** Point of contact at the facility for compliance and regulation of facility.

## **SECTION 3: TYPES OF DISCHARGE**

**Winery Process Wastewater:** Wastewater generated through wine making process including but not limited to, washing equipment/tanks, crushing grapes, etc.

**Stormwater:** Rainfall that washes over the surface of the land picking up pollutants as it travels.

**Irrigation Water from Commercial Vineyard:** Surface and subsurface water that leaves the field following application of irrigation water.

**Domestic Wastewater (separate system):** Wastewater from activities of daily living (e.g., toilets, showers, sinks) generated on site that is discharged separately from winery process water to a septic system or equivalent process.

**Domestic Wastewater (combined system):** Wastewater from activities of daily living is comingled with winery process wastewater or any other waste type generated on site.

#### **SECTION 4: CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

It should be emphasized that communication with the appropriate Central Coast Water Board staff is vital before starting the CEQA documentation, and is recommended before completing the NOI. There are Basin Plan<sup>1</sup> issues which may complicate the CEQA effort, and Central Coast Water Board staff may be able to help in providing the needed information to complete the CEQA documentation.

#### **SECTION 8: CERTIFICATION**

NOI must be certified by the owner of the facility, acceptable signatures are:

- a. For a corporation: a principle executive officer of at least the level of vice president.
- b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
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<sup>1</sup> Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan):  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/publications\\_forms/publications/basin\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/publications_forms/publications/basin_plan/)