

**12 DECEMBER 2025 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 12

SUBJECT:

Following are proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). Items indicated as updates on the summary agenda make the requirements consistent with current plans and policies of the Board. The tentative WDRs are accompanied by a Resolution to rescind Cease and Desist Order R5-2014-0146.

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of revised Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs).

BACKGROUND:

The O'Neill Beverages Co. LLC (Discharger) owns and operates the Reedley Winery and Distillery (Facility) at 8418 South Lac Jac Avenue near Reedley in Fresno County and the adjacent land application areas (LAAs). The Discharger produces wine and distilled products (e.g., brandy, gin, and bourbon). Winery process wastewater is generated from the cleaning and sanitation of equipment and storage tanks, and periodic stillage operations. In March 2014, the Discharger was issued a Cease and Desist Order to address overloading of its LAAs and degradation of groundwater. In October 2020 the Discharger completed construction on a new pre-treatment system and lined containment structures to reduce organics and nutrients in its wastewater prior to land application. The Facility is currently regulated under WDRs R5-2014-0045, which authorizes a discharge of up to 0.61 million gallons per day (mgd) and 80 million gallons per year (mgy) to approximately 189 acres owned by the Discharger. High salinity waste streams such as bottling wash water and water softener regenerant are segregated and discharged to a lined Class II surface impoundment regulated under separate WDRs.

The proposed WDRs would revise and update current requirements to reflect changes related to the pre-treatment system and authorizes a maximum annual discharge of 85.85 mgy of winery process wastewater on up to 325 acres of adjacent agricultural land owned by the Discharger. The proposed WDRs include loading limits for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), establish a Performance-Based Salinity Limit of 2,100 mg/L for fixed dissolved solids (calculated as an annual average), and requires compliance with the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs, via participation in the Prioritization and Optimization Study and the local Nitrate Management Zone, respectively. Additionally, the proposed WDRs would require the Discharger to prepare and implement a Wastewater and Nutrient Management Plan and an Ammonia Evaluation and Minimization Plan, and store all winery process wastewater and solids in/or on engineered lined surfaces prior to land application or removal.

ISSUES

Comments were received from the Discharger and Ms. JoAnne Kipps on 3 November 2025. A Response to Comments document is included in the agenda package that summarizes the written comments followed by responses from Central Valley Water Board staff. Revisions were made to the tentative WDRs based on the comments received, and other minor edits to improve clarity.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	ASM – 11/10/25
Legal Review:	

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
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