

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

[TENTATIVE] ORDER R5-2025-XXXX

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Board adopted the following Order, which is no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

A) THE WINE GROUP LLC, GOLDEN STATE VINTNERS D.B.A. FRANZIA MCFARLAND WINERY; WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2015-0086, KERN COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2015-0086, adopted on 5 June 2015, prescribes requirements for the discharge from The Wine Group, LLC (The Wine Group) Golden State Vintners d.b.a. Franzia McFarland Winery (Winery) in Kern County. WDRs Order No. R5-2015-0086 was issued to The Wine Group for the discharge of up to 275,000 gallons per day of winery process wastewater to land.

In September 2024, representatives of The Wine Group informed Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff that the Winery had been sold and would not remain operational. The Wine Group submitted a *Monitoring Well Network Destruction Work Plan* (Work Plan) dated 16 October 2024 that included plans to destroy the Winery's groundwater monitoring wells and decommission the wastewater storage sump. Central Valley Water Board staff concurred with the proposed Work Plan in a letter on 22 October 2024. The Wine Group submitted a *Monitoring Well Network Destruction Report* (Report) dated 10 December 2024 that documents destruction of the monitoring wells and the decommissioning of the sump. Subsequently, additional photos documenting the Work Plan activities were received by Central Valley Water Board staff on 16 December 2024. Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the Report and additional photos and sent a 23 December 2024 letter indicating that all the tasks in the Work Plan had been completed, and a Recission Order would be prepared for consideration at a future board meeting. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order R5-2015-0086.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order is rescinded.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 24/25 April 2025.

TENTATIVE

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer