

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning  
**ORDER R5-2025-XXXX**  
**CONSTELLATION BRANDS US OPERATIONS, INC.**  
**MISSION BELL WINERY**  
**MADERA COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

**DATE:** 21/22 AUGUST 2025  
**TIME:** TBD  
**PLACE:** Central Valley Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued.** A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website, [Central Valley Water Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/))

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the [GovDelivery subscription list](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html) at

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg5\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html)).

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or [Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five 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. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit

your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing [opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Opportunities to Comment**

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

**Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 7 July 2025.** Please email any comments to [Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line, "Constellation US Operations, Inc., Mission Bell Winery, Tentative Orders" While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Jeffrey Pyle  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

**Oral comments** concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain **designated parties** may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The party's subject to the proposed Order are designated parties. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to Central Valley Water no later than 5:00 p.m. on 7 July 2025. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

### **Proposed Order**

If adopted, Order R5-2025-XXXX will revise current waste discharge requirements for the discharge of wastewater to land from operations at the Mission Bell Winery located at 12667 Road 24, Madera, Ca 93637. The Mission Bell Winery is owned and operated by Constellation Brands US Operations, Inc. (Discharger) and is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 95-164. The current Order authorizes the seasonal operational discharge of 1.0 to 2.94 million gallons per day of winery waste to

296 acres of adjacent land application areas (LAA). The proposed WDR Order authorizes continued land application to 296 acres and the following:

- Annual flow limit of 255 million gallons
- Seasonal flow limits for stillage waste
- Performance Based Salinity Limit Salinity limit of 1,850 mg/L
- Biochemical oxygen demand cycle average loading to the LAAs shall not exceed 100 lbs/ac/day
- Prohibition on introducing ion exchange waste to the discharge
- Preparation and implementation of a Wastewater and Nutrient Management Plan
- Preparation and implementation of a Salinity Evaluation and Minimization Work Plan and Final Report
- Effluent, LAA, groundwater, and soil monitoring

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/), under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)).

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, 93706 or by contacting the Board by phone at (559) 445-5116, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Jeffrey Pyle at (559) 445-5145 or [Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Other Information**

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/))

may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Meeting Procedures webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) at

([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

Tentative Order R5-2025-XXXX  
Constellation Brands US Operations, Inc.  
Mission Bell Winery  
Madera County

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All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or [Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov).

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