

DISCLOSURE - EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING A PENDING GENERAL ORDER

1. Pending General Order that the communication concerned: Draft General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Vineyards

2. Name and title of person completing this form: Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer

3. Date of meeting: September 11, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Anderson Valley, Mendocino County, CA

4. Type of communication: oral

5. Names of all participants in the communication:

Greg Giusti

Valerie Quinto

Brenna Sullivan

Chris Watt

Kason Grady

David Kuszmar

Devon Boer

Laurel Marcus

Marita Hill

Norman Kobler

Agenda indicates that Zac Robinson was scheduled to be present. He did not end up joining the tour.

6. Name of person who initiated the communication: Brenna Sullivan

7. Description of the communication:

The communication consisted of a tour of the several Anderson Valley vineyards, including operations along the Navarro River and tributaries. Topics discussed included:

- How the conditions of the order, as currently drafted, would apply to ponds and waterways at each site.
- Site configuration and features with an emphasis on drainage structures.
- Management practices with an emphasis on tillage and cover crops, and how management practices vary based on site conditions.
- The variety of land uses surrounding one vineyard site.
- The need to clarify terms in order (e.g. how ponds are defined for the purpose of setbacks, how perennial streams are defined).
- Overview of certification of each site through Fish Friendly Farming.
- Monitoring requirements of order as currently drafted.

The handout (agenda) from the visit is attached.

**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Draft Vineyard WDR
Tour with Vice Chair Guisti and Staff
September 11th, 2023**

Itinerary

- 1. 10 AM: Meet at Mosswood Market, 14111 CA-128, Boonville.**
 - Brief introductions and create carpools.

- 2. 10:15 AM: Travel to Ferrington Vineyard, 13401 CA-128, Boonville**
 - Meet with property manager, Norman Kobler.
 - Review of third-party certification and water quality BMPs already implemented.
 - Review of current tillage practices.
 - Discuss 75% groundcover and pond setback requirements in draft WDR.

- 3. 11:00 AM: Travel to Walraven Vineyard, 17405 Deer Meadows Rd., Boonville**
 - Review of third-party certification and water quality BMPs already implemented.
 - Discuss adjoining land uses that contribute to sediment.
 - Discuss challenges with run-on from non-vineyard drainages.

- 4. 11:45 PM: Travel to Husch Vineyards, 4400 CA-128, Philo**
 - Meet with owner, Zac Robinson.
 - Review of third-party certification and water quality BMPs already implemented.
 - Discuss pond setback requirements and main stem Navarro TMDL.

- 5. 12:30 PM: Lunch Break at Husch**

- 6. 1:00 PM: Travel to DuPratt Vineyard, 21491 Greenwood Road, Philo**
 - Meet with property manager, Norman Kobler.
 - Review of third-party certification and water quality BMPs already implemented.
 - Review of current dry farming practices on sloped planting.

- 7. 2:00 PM: Conclude Tour**