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May 30, 2025

Mr. Greg Guisti, Vice Chair
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
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RE: Concerns on Proposed Order No. R1-2024-0056 (General WDRs for Commercial Vineyards in the North Coast Region)

Dear Mr. Guisti:

The California Farm Bureau (“Farm Bureau”) is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership California corporation whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the state of California and to find solutions to the problems of the farm, the farm home, and the rural community. Farm Bureau is California’s largest farm organization, comprised of 54 county Farm Bureaus currently representing approximately 27,000 agricultural, associate, and collegiate members in 57 counties. California Farm Bureau strives to improve the ability of farmers and ranchers engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable food and fiber supply through responsible stewardship of California’s resources. Farm Bureau engages in legislative, regulatory, and legal advocacy, particularly on issues that impact the ability of agricultural producers to continue farming and ranching sustainably and efficiently. Farm Bureau also works to ensure that regulatory policies are based on sound science and balanced decision-making that considers both environmental conservation and the economic viability of agriculture.

Farm Bureau, on behalf of Mendocino County Farm Bureau and Sonoma County Farm Bureau, appreciates the opportunity to provide additional comments on the latest revised General Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Vineyards in the North Coast. Farm Bureau echoes the comments submitted by Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Wine Institute, and California Association of Winegrape Growers on May 30, 2025, and incorporates these comments and concerns herein by reference.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the development of the Vineyard Order and look forward to further involvement

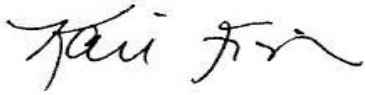
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and discussion with the North Coast Regional Board. Please feel free to contact Kari Fisher at (916) 561-5666 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari Fisher", with a stylized, cursive script.

Kari E. Fisher
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