



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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TENTATIVE RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2015-0086; THE WINE GROUP LLC, GOLDEN STATE VINTNERS D.B.A. FRANZIA MC FARLAND WINERY; KERN COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed is a tentative order rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2015-0086 for The Wine Group, LLC (The Wine Group) Golden State Vintners McFarland Winery d.b.a. Franzia McFarland Winery (Winery) in Kern County. The Central Valley Water Board will be considering the adoption of the tentative Rescission Order at its 24/25 April 2025 meeting. Any comments or recommendations you or others may have concerning the tentative Rescission Order must be submitted in writing to this office by **5:00 p.m. on 26 February 2025**. Absent a showing of good cause and lack of prejudice to other parties, the Board chair may exclude comments and evidence received after this deadline.

In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the tentative Rescission Order has been sent only to the Discharger. Others are advised that the tentative Rescission Order will be available, within 24 hours, on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) under the heading "Discharger-Specific Items for Future Approval and/or Regional Water Board Meetings" (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

The Central Valley Water Board meeting where the above matter will be considered is scheduled for the following time and location.

Date: 24/25 April 2025
Time: To Be Determined
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706
(Physical Meeting Location with Remote Meeting Option)

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the [Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings).

Persons wishing to make non-evidentiary policy statements at the Board meeting (such statements will generally be limited to three (3) minutes) are **not** required to submit written comments, but the Board appreciates receiving those comments in writing by the due date listed above so that they may be included in the packages that the Board members receive ahead of the meeting.

The Central Valley Water Board is implementing a Paperless Office system. Please email any comments to centralvalleyfresno@Waterboards.gov and send a carbon copy to Jeffrey.Pyle@Waterboards.ca.gov. In the subject line of the email please include "**The Wine Group, McFarland Winery Rescission R5-2015-0086 Comments**" and address the email to Jeff Pyle.

If you have any questions regarding the tentative Rescission Order, or if you do not have Internet access and wish to request paper copies, please contact Jeff Pyle at (559) 445-5145 or Jeffrey.Pyle@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Digitally signed by Bryan Rock on January 27, 2025

Bryan C. Rock
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Enclosure: Tentative Rescission Order of WDRs Order R5-2015-0086 (Discharger Only)

cc w/o enc

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- Adam T. Forbes, State Water Resources Control Board, DDW, Visalia (via email)