

**REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

AUGUST 14, 2024

ITEM NO. 3

SUBJECT

Consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068, *An Order Rescinding Order No. 2001-203, Waste Discharge Requirements for Skate Ranch, Inc. Maurice Carrie Vineyard and Winery, Riverside County* (Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068). (Brandon Bushnell)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068.

KEY ISSUES

Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068 (**Supporting Document 1**), if adopted, rescinds Order No. 2001-203, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Skate Ranch, Inc. Maurice Carrie Vineyard and Winery, Riverside County* (Order No. 2001-203). The current owner Ultimate Winery and Vineyards LLC (Discharger)¹ ceased all waste discharges to land at the Maurice Carrie Vineyard and Winery facility (Facility) and is directing all wastes to the Eastern Municipal Water District's sewage collection system.

PRACTICAL VISION

Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068 is consistent with the Strategize for Healthy Waters chapter of the *San Diego Water Board Practical Vision*.² The rescission of unneeded orders helps the San Diego Water Board focus staff resources on larger projects and facilities within the region that pose a greater threat to water quality. Rescission of unneeded orders also helps the Board focus staff resources on projects that advance sustainable local water supplies.

¹ The Discharger contacted the San Diego Water Board on December 23, 2021, and informed staff that the Facility is now owned and operated by Ultimate Winery and Vineyards LLC, dba Maurice Carrie Vineyard and Winery.

² Practical Vision:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/practical_vision/

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this item is to provide the San Diego Water Board with information to assist in its consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068. If adopted, Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068 will rescind Order No. 2001-203. The Discharger owns the Facility and is responsible for complying with Order No. 2001-203 until rescinded by the adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068.

The Facility is located at 34255 Rancho California Road, Temecula in the County of Riverside (**Supporting Document 2**). The Discharger notified the Board via email on March 13, 2023, that waste discharges to land at the Facility are terminated. The Discharger provided the Board a copy of the March 15, 2024, Eastern Municipal Water District letter, that documented the completion of the sewer connection (**Supporting Document 3**).

COMPLIANCE RECORD

The Board issued one staff enforcement letter to the Discharger for an unauthorized discharge of waste in 1998.

PUBLIC NOTICE

San Diego Water Board staff notified the Discharger and known interested parties of this action on April 4, 2024 (**Supporting Document 4 and 5**). Additionally, Board staff posted Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068 on its website on April 8, 2024. The Board did not receive any written comments during the public comment period. These actions satisfy the 30-day public notification and comment period requirements of Water Code section 13167.5.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068
2. Vicinity Map and Facility Map
3. Eastern Municipal Water District Water Sewer Connection Acceptance
4. Transmittal Letter
5. Notice of Public Hearing and Written Comment Period