

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

RESOLUTION No. R2-2017-0032

**CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR VINEYARD PROPERTIES
IN THE NAPA RIVER AND SONOMA CREEK WATERSHEDS**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board), finds that:

1. The Water Board prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects of reasonably foreseeable actions that could be taken to comply with the General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and identified mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts. The Water Board is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR is intended to fulfill the Water Board's CEQA compliance requirements for issuance of WDRs;
2. The Water Board will consider adoption of the WDRs to implement sediment total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) adopted by the Water Board for the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds. The purpose of the WDRs is to reduce discharges of sediment, storm runoff, and other pollutants from vineyard properties located in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds. Vineyard properties, including farmed areas and unpaved road networks, have been identified as significant sources of fine sediment discharges to the Napa River, Sonoma Creek, and their tributaries;
3. The EIR was prepared in accordance with CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 21000 *et seq.*, as amended; and the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 *et seq.*;
4. This EIR evaluates in detail the potential environmental impacts of four alternatives: the No Project Alternative, the Proposed Project, and two reduced or more limited geographic scope alternatives;
5. On July 14, 2016, the draft EIR and Notice of Completion were transmitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2014072013) and copies were independently mailed to all agencies and persons known to be interested in this matter, thus initiating a 30-day public review and comment period;
6. On July 14, 2016, the Water Board provided public notice of the draft EIR to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested persons for a comment period starting July 15, 2016. On July 26, 2016, the Water Board held a public meeting at the Napa Library to discuss the scope of the proposed WDRs and answer questions. The public comment period for the draft EIR was extended through September 14, 2016, at the request of interested parties;
7. On July 15, 2016, the Water Board provided to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested persons, tentative WDRs (Water Code §§ 13260 *et seq.*) for discharges from

vineyard properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds. The tentative WDRs (Tentative Order) incorporated the CEQA findings of the EIR;

8. On June 15, 2017, the Water Board provided to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested persons, a Revised Tentative Order (Water Code §§ 13260 *et seq.*). The Revised Tentative Order incorporates the CEQA findings of the EIR;
9. The Water Board has received and considered comments on the draft EIR, and the responses to comments are reflected in the Final EIR, Appendix D;
10. The Final EIR reflects the comments received as well as some additional changes initiated by the Water Board. These changes include clarifications, amplifications, and corrections that have been identified since publication of the draft EIR. No significant new information has been added to the document. The Final EIR and the record of proceedings are available at the Water Board's offices;
11. The Water Board finds that on the basis of the whole record, the project as described in the Revised Tentative Order substantially lessens all significant effects on the environment where feasible or has determined that any remaining significant effects on the environmental are acceptable due to overriding concerns;
12. The EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Water Board;
13. The Water Board considered all testimony and evidence at a public hearing held July 12, 2017, in Oakland, and good cause was found to certify the EIR; and
14. In accordance with Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15094, the Water Board will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse within five working days from the certification of the EIR.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Water Board hereby certifies the Environmental Impact Report for the Project.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on July 12, 2017.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer