

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

ORDER R5-2025-0057

RESCINDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2014-0046

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Board adopted the following Cease and Desist Order, which is no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

A) CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2014-0046 REQUIRING THE O'NEILL BEVERAGES COMPANY, LLC REEDLEY WINERY, FRESNO COUNTY, TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM DISCHARGING WASTE CONTRARY TO REQUIREMENTS

Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2014-0046, adopted on 28 March 2014 required the O'Neill Beverages Company, LLC (Discharger) to cease discharge of wastewater from its Reedley Winery (Facility) in violation to waste discharge requirements (WDRs). CDO R5-2014-0046 also required the Discharger to assess the vertical and horizontal extent of groundwater degradation beneath and down-gradient of its land application areas (LAAs). To address the CDO the Discharger installed lined sumps and a Biofiltro® pre-treatment system, reducing biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and nitrogen concentrations in its discharge. In addition, the Discharger has further expanded its LAAs by almost 40 percent, significantly reducing nutrient and organic loading. The Discharger also conducted several groundwater investigations including sampling of on-site and off-site irrigation and supply wells, completed a cone penetrometer testing (CPT) investigation of the area, and installed additional monitoring wells around its LAAs. Based on these results the Discharger confirmed that groundwater degradation from the discharge is limited to the upper 30 feet of the aquifer centered around the original 36-acre historical LAA and does not appear to extend beyond the area owned and controlled by the Discharger.

The Facility is generally in compliance with its WDRs following installation of the pre-treatment system and further expansion of its LAAs, and the Discharger has completed the groundwater investigations to satisfy the conditions of the CDO. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind CDO R5-2014-0046.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order is rescinded.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 12 December 2025.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer

