

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY**

**WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS,  
WINERIES, AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS  
WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
ORDER R5-2015-0005-0065  
M15 LLC, M2 VINTNERS, INC, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

On 5 February 2015, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2015-0005* (the Waiver).

We are in receipt of your Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) dated 14 March 2016, which stated that you intend to comply with the Tier 2 conditions of the Waiver. Based on the information provided in the RWD, we have determined that the discharge meets the required conditions for approval under the Waiver. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2015-0005-0065. A copy of the Waiver is enclosed and also available at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/#waivers](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers)

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Waiver, including the Conditions of Discharge (Waiver Attachment A) and Monitoring and Reporting Program (Waiver Attachment B). Winery waste must be managed and discharged in accordance with the requirements contained in the Conditions of Discharge and with the information submitted in the RWD.

### **DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION**

M2 Vintners, Inc. (the winery) is located at 2900 East Peltier Road, Acampo in San Joaquin County. The winery is owned by M15, LLC (Discharger) and operated by M2 Vintners, Inc. doing business as M2 Wines. Tier 2 allows land application of up to 100,000 gallons of wastewater per year for irrigation of landscaping or crops and land application of residual

solids (pomace and lees) associated with that volume of wastewater. Any process wastewater or residual solids generated in excess of those amounts must be disposed of off-site at an appropriately permitted facility. If you wish to land apply more wastewater or residual solids, you must submit a new application and to obtain coverage under Tier 3 of the Waiver prior to increasing the discharge volume.

The winery crushes approximately 100 tons of grapes per year and generates approximately 60,000 gallons of winery process wastewater annually. The Discharger estimates that approximately 12 tons (wet weight) of solids (grape stems and skins) are produced annually.

The majority of the wastewater from the winery is generated during the processing season which runs from approximately August to October. Wastewater is generated during the rest of year from washing the tanks and barrels using hot water only. Wastewater is collected in floor drains and then pumped to two 5,000-gallon storage tanks. The wastewater is then applied to 15 acres of land application areas (LAAs) via flood irrigation.

Solids consist of stems and skins and are collected in storage bins. The solids are then spread out evenly over vineyards in the LAAs and tilled into the soil using a tractor.

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

Attachment B of the Waiver includes specific monitoring and reporting requirements that you must comply with, including routine monitoring and reporting to the Central Valley Water Board. Please review the Monitoring and Reporting Program closely and establish the appropriate record keeping system so that you are able to complete the required Annual Monitoring Report form, which is also contained in Attachment B of the Waiver.

By **February 1 of each year**, the Annual Monitoring Report must be submitted to our office, even if there is no discharge during the reporting year. The 2016 Annual Monitoring Report is due by **1 February 2017**.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Waiver includes specific and general conditions with which you must comply and you must maintain control over the discharge and operate in accordance with the information provided in your RWD and this Notice of Applicability.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the facility name, location, and details of the proposed discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Waiver may result in enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code, which could include civil liability. Discharge of wastes not described in the RWD is prohibited. If the method of waste disposal changes from that described in your RWD, you must submit an updated RWD to describe the new operation.

Please note that the Waiver will expire on **5 February 2020**, after which you must do one of the following:

1. Submit a new RWD with a filing fee to obtain coverage under a subsequently adopted waiver,
2. Submit a RWD with a filing fee to apply for individual or general Waste Discharge Requirements, or
3. Cease the discharge.

### DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: M2 Vintners, Inc., San Joaquin County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2015-0005-0065	CIWQS Place ID: 796220

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ECM Mailroom  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the Notice of Applicability has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Brendan Kenny is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Brendan will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Brendan at (916) 464-4635 or at bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov.

PAMELA C. CREEDON  
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order R5-2015-0005

cc w/o enclosure: Rodney Estrada, San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department,  
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