

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, California, 93706-2007

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER R5-2026-XXXX RESCINDING  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER 98-157  
CACCIATORE FINE WINES AND OLIVE OIL CORPORATION  
PIXLEY WINERY  
TULARE COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

**DATE:** 27/28 August 2026  
**TIME:** To be determined  
**PLACE:** Regional Water Quality Control Board, Rancho Cordova  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued.** A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website, [Central Valley Water Board's website](#) at

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/))

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the [GovDelivery subscription list](#) at

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg5\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html)).

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or [Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five working days prior to the meeting.

TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing [opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Opportunities to Comment**

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

**Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 6 August 2026.** Please email any comments to Jeff Pyle at [Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov), with the subject line, "Comments on Rescission Order for Cacciatore Fine Wines and Olive Oil Corporation." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Jeff Pyle  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street,  
Fresno, CA 93706

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

Oral comments concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain designated parties may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The party subject to the proposed Order is/are designated parties. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 6 August 2026**. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

### **Proposed Order**

If adopted, Rescission Order R5-2026-XXXX will rescind Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 98-157 for the Pixley Winery (Winery) located at 1875 Elm Street just south of Pixley. The Winery is owned and operated by Cacciatore Fine Wines and Olive Oil Corporation (Discharger), and is currently regulated WDRs Order 98-157, which authorizes the discharge of winery wastewater up to

20,000 gallons per day to a land application area. The Winery is currently closed for wine production and flows have reduced significantly. While wine production operations have ceased, bulk sales of stored wine continue, and wastewater is generated when a holding tank is emptied and cleaned out. On 25 June 2025, the Discharger submitted a Notice of Intent requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2021-0002-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Winery Process Wastewater* (General Order) for the Winery. On 30 June 2026, the Central Valley Water Board issued Notice of Applicability WQ 2021-0002-DWQ-R5F007, which enrolls the Facility under the General Order and becomes effective upon rescission of WDRs Order 98-157. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 98-157.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders website](#), under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)).

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 1685 E Street, Fresno CA 93706 or by contacting the Board by phone (559) 445-5116, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Jeff Pyle at (559) 445-5145 or [Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pyle@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Other Information**

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#)

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/))

may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Meeting Procedures webpage](#) at

([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

Tentative Rescission Order R5-2026-XXXX  
Cacciatore Fine Wines and Olive Oil Corporation  
Pixley Winery  
Tulare County

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All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or [Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov).

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