

# Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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# Today's Presentation

Overview of Winery-Applicable Permits

Common Application Errors

Next Steps and Resources

# **Overview of Winery-Applicable Permits**

# But My Winery Already Has a Water Quality Permit?

## **Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)**

- Winery process water discharges to land:
  - “beneficial reuse”
  - Land Application Areas
  - Subsurface Disposal
  - Process Water Ponds

## **Stormwater (Industrial and/or Construction)**

- Construction of winery infrastructure disturbs >1 acre (Construction General Permit)
- Industrial facilities subject to Industrial General Permit (may qualify for a No Exposure Certification)

## **Irrigated Lands**

- Irrigated Lands Program for commercial crop area
- Discharges to land and/or surface waters

# Your Central Coast facility falls into one of 4 categories:

## **Category 1: Central Coast Water Board Regional Winery Permit WDR Order No. R3-2017-0020**

- Non-Waiver
- Produce > 10,000 cases/year
- Annual fees and reporting requirements
- Central Coast Water Board staff will notify facility to enroll in new permit
- New application required
- Central Coast Water Board Regional Winery Permit

## **Category 2: WDR Order No. R3-2017-0020**

- Waiver
- < 10,000 cases / year - waiver
- No annual fees
- No reporting requirements
- Waiver expired
- Enroll in Statewide Order by Jan 2024

# Your Central Coast facility falls into one of 4 categories:

## **Category 3: Unpermitted Facilities/Change in Ownership**

- New facilities must enroll for the first time
- Existing facilities under new ownership must enroll
- **Permits do not transfer to new owners**
- Required to enroll by January 2024

## **Category 4: Individual Permit**

- Central Coast Water Board staff will notify facility to enroll in new permit

# The Central Coast Water Board Regional Winery Permit: WDR Order No. R3-2017-0020

## Non-Waiver

- **>10,000 cases/year**
- **Annual fees** and **reporting** requirements
- Current permit coverage

## Waiver

- **<10,000 case/year**
- No annual fees and no reporting requirements
- Waiver expired **5 years after issuance**



## **Your facility is currently unpermitted if:**

Your facility was enrolled in the R3-2017-0020 **Waiver**

Permit issued to **previous owner** and new owner hasn't applied

Your facility is a **proposed build** or **new construction**

# **Common Application Errors**

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## Wrong Tier Determination

- Tier 1-2 may **calculate process water flow** instead of measuring flow but must provide calculation method in application
- Calculation:  
The Wine Volume per Case multiplied by the Process Water Produced per Gallon of Wine yields the Process Water Produced per Case

## Applicants not including FDS information:

- Tiers 2-4 applicants must submit representative fixed dissolved solid (FDS) samples for the source water and process water effluent.
- Must compare winery effluent FDS concentrations to an **FDS threshold** to determine if additional measures are needed.

# Common Application Errors

## Incorrect Name of Facility Owner

- Owner name should be the legal business name as registered with California Secretary of State
- Owner name often different than facility name
- For example:
  - Owner legal name = Two Winery Brothers, LLC
  - Facility Name = Best Wine Winery

## Missing Information

- Labeling all important features on site plan (e.g., crush pad, surface water bodies, discharge area)
- Clearly stating what stormwater exposure there is in processing areas
- Locations of solids (e.g., pomace, stalks and lees) storage on facility map

# Common Application Errors

Annual fee payment not linked to application

- Include Application ID on payment method.

Form Status: Submitted, Under Review

User Email:

[General](#) [Facility](#) [Facility Owner](#) [Facility Operator](#) [Land Owner](#) [Notice Serve Address](#) [Billing Address](#) [Questionnaire](#) [Attachments](#) [Status](#) [Preview](#) [Review](#)

Below is a summary of the information you have entered for the new record. Please review the information and decide whether to go back to edit the information or confirm the information and create the new record.

General Information	
Form ID	10143
Form Name	Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Winery Process Water - Notice of Intent
Form Description	This electronic application (also referred to as a Notice of Intent or NOI), is part of the application for coverage under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Water (Statewide Winery Order or Winery Order) adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. This Winery Order is for wineries and other similar facilities to producing wine or grape juice that generate winery waste, produce between 10,000 gallons and 15,000,000 gallons of process water per year, and discharge it to disposal. <a href="#">Winery General Order Electronic Notice of Intent Help Guide</a>
Form Status	Submitted, Under Review

Facility Information

# Common Application Errors

## Incorrect Application Signature

- Must be the legally responsible official or authorized representative. May be different from the winemaker:
  - For a corporation, a principal executive officer of at least the level of senior vice-president.
  - For a partnership or individual (sole proprietorship), a general partner or the proprietor.
  - For LLC, either a member or manager given signing authority by the operating agreement of LLC.
  - A "duly authorized representative" of one of the above.
    - Include a signed Authorized Representative form
- Missing Information
  - Subsurface disposal systems design data
  - Compliance schedule
  - Depth to groundwater below percolation pond or subsurface disposal systems
  - CEQA determination

## **Next Steps and Resources**

# Central Coast Water Board FAQ and Resources

## Simplified Guidance Document and FAQ for Central Coast Wineries

- Includes county-specific contact information
- Includes **step-by-step application and enrollment instructions.**
- Includes **exemption parameters and steps** for validating exemption.
- Includes **links to all winery-related State Water Board and Central Coast Water Board resources.**



# Central Coast Water Board Enrollment

**July 9, 2024**

Letter Directive to Apply

- For 65 Larger Wineries Currently covered by:
  - Central Coast Water Board General Permit
  - Individual Permit

**February 1, 2025**

Deadline to Submit Application

- California Water Code 13260
- Failure to submit - administrative civil liability  
\$1,000 per day