
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WINERY PROCESS WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) will hold a public workshop to present information on the proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Winery Process Water Treatment Systems (proposed General Order) and the draft California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The proposed General Order will apply statewide and includes requirements to ensure winery operations will not adversely impact water quality. A quorum of the Board will be present at the public workshop; however, the Board will not take final action at the public workshop. The public workshop will be:

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.
No Physical Meeting Location**

This meeting is currently scheduled to occur solely via remote presence as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing. For notice of changes to the format of this meeting, please follow the Future Notices instructions below.

You can access the current agenda for additional information and meeting changes at the [State Water Board Calendar page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/).

Notice is also hereby given of a Board adoption hearing for this proposed General Order and MND currently scheduled for November 17, 2020.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed General Order and MND will be available on the [Winery Order webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/winery_order.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/winery_order.html) on or before July 3, 2020. You may request a paper copy of the proposed General Order and MND by contacting Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-6904 or email DWQ-Winery@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Board staff will accept input and recommendations through written comments. Comments submitted must include the following in the subject line: “**Comments—General Order for Winery Process Water Treatment Systems.**” Comments must be received no later than **12:00 noon on August 5, 2020.** Written comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format if less than 15 megabytes in total size, to the Clerk to the Board email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by mail, hand delivery, or fax to (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Board will not consider adoption of the proposed General Order at the public workshop. Members of the public may present oral information at the meeting. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. The State Water Board may consider changes to the proposed General Order consistent with the purpose of the General Order. To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral presentations.

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED GENERAL ORDERS

This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in a [Memo from the Office of the Chief Counsel](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf).

Any communications between interested persons and Board Members (other than at a noticed Board Meeting or submitted as a comment letter in compliance with the public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. A sample disclosure form is available on the [SWRCB General Order Disclosure Form](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/ExParteGeneralOrderForm.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/ExParteGeneralOrderForm.pdf)

Beginning November 3, 2020, ex parte communications between interested persons and Board Members concerning this item are prohibited.

DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the hearing will be available via internet and can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov>.

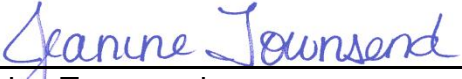
FUTURE NOTICES

The public workshop will be at the date and time as noted above. Any change in the date, time, and public workshop format will be noticed on the automated email list. Any person desiring to receive future notices, including any changes to the notice of public comment, public workshop, and the subsequent hearing for the Board’s consideration of adoption, may sign up on the automated e-mail list. To sign up for the automated e-mail list, access the [Email List Subscription Form](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html), select the box for ‘Statewide General WDRs for Wineries’ located within the ‘Water Quality’ section, and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to DWQ-Winery@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 3, 2020
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board