

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2012
Prepared on July 5, 2012

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: **Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Monterey Wine Company (Order No. R3-2002-0058) and enrollment in the *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste* (Order No. R3-2008-0018)**

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KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Monterey Wine Company
Location: 1010 Industrial Way, King City, Monterey County
Discharge Type: Winery
Treatment: Settling and aeration in ponds
Disposal: Irrigation/dust control in vineyards, pasture irrigation, solids composted for vineyard use
Existing Order: Individual WDR Order No. R3-2002-0058

This Action: Rescind Individual Order and enroll in Region-wide General Order

SUMMARY

In 2002, the Water Board adopted individual waste discharge requirements to regulate the winery wastewater discharge from the Monterey Wine Company (formerly named the Monterey Pacific) winery, which is in Monterey County. Based upon information provided in a *Notice of Intent* and information in staff's files, the Monterey Wine Company qualifies for enrollment under the Central Coast Water Board's "*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste*," or General Winery Order. Accordingly, staff proposes that the Monterey Wine Company discharge be enrolled under the General Winery Order concurrent with rescission of individual waste discharge requirements Order No. R3-2002-0058.

DISCUSSION

Section 13263(e) of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes Regional Water Quality Control Boards to review waste discharge requirements periodically. The Central Coast Water Board last adopted waste discharge requirements for the Monterey Wine Company (formerly named the Monterey Pacific) winery in 2002. The Monterey Wine Company (hereafter Discharger) waste discharge requirements are due for a review.

The Monterey Wine Company is located at 1010 Industrial Way, King City, Monterey County. The facility receives, stores and processes grapes into wine. The winery process wastewater system includes screening, settling, and aeration in lined ponds. Treated wastewater is recycled for vineyard and pasture irrigation. Solids removed from the wastewater are composted for vineyard use. Sanitary sewer waste from the offices and facility restrooms are discharged to the King City sanitary sewer system. No onsite treatment or disposal of sanitary waste occurs.

The Water Board uses the General Order No. R3-2008-0018, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste* ("General Winery Order") to streamline permitting and provide consistency. Staff reviewed the Discharger's file and determined that the Monterey Wine Company's winery process wastewater discharge appears to meet the conditions for enrollment under General Winery Order. Rather than revise the existing order, staff recommends the Discharger be regulated by General Winery Order.

The General Winery Order implements applicable Water Board prohibitions, discharge specifications, management practices, and provisions to protect water quality. When the discharge is regulated by the General Winery Order, the individual Waste Discharge Requirements will not be necessary, and, therefore, Water Board staff recommends that the Water Board rescind Order No. R3-2002-0058 (attached).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Waste discharge requirements for existing facilities are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resource Code, Section 21100 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

COMMENTS

By letter dated July 5, 2012, Water Board staff notified the Discharger of its recommendation to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2002-0058 and approve enrollment of the Discharger under the General Order. The following comments were received:

(Comments pending)

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2002-0058 and enroll facility in the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste, Order No. R3-2008-0018.

ATTACHMENT

Existing Order No. R3-2002-0058