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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 R5-2020-0002-0036  
SOBON WINE COMPANY LLC  
SHENANDOAH VINEYARDS  
AMADOR COUNTY

On 20 February 2020, 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 R5-2020-0002 (the Waiver).

We are in receipt of your Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) dated 30 June 2020, which stated that you intend to comply with the conditions of the new Waiver for Tier 2 enrollees. Shenandoah Vineyards (the winery) is owned and operated by Sobon Wine Company, LLC ("Discharger"). Based on the information submitted in your RWD, the discharge qualifies for coverage under Tier 2 of the Waiver, which allows land application of up to 100,000 gallons of wastewater per year for irrigation of landscaping or crops. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2020-0002-0036. A copy of the [Waiver](#) is enclosed and is also available on the internet at:

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/#waivers](https://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

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requirements contained in the Conditions of Discharge and with the information submitted in the RWD.

## **DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION**

Shenandoah Vineyards is located at 12300 Steiner Road, Plymouth in Amador County. The winery crushes approximately 420 tons of grapes per year and generates approximately 88,000 gallons of winery process wastewater on an annual basis. Process wastewater is collected into a 5,000-gallon tank and then is applied to 40 acres of land application area.

The Discharger estimates that approximately 40 tons (wet weight) of solids (grape stems, seeds, and skins) is produced annually. Solid waste is applied to the land application area by a manure spreader.

## **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 2020 Annual Monitoring Report is due by **1 February 2021**.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Order 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 **20 February 2025**, 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; or

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](mailto: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: Shenandoah Vineyards, Amador County  
Program: Non-15 Compliance  
Order: R5-2020-0002-0036  
CIWQS Place ID: 256759

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 NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Kenny Croyle 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, Kenny will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Kenny at (916) 464-4676 or at [kcroyle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kcroyle@waterboards.ca.gov).

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for Patrick Pulupa  
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order R5-2020-0002  
cc Mike Israel, Amador County Environmental Health Department, Jackson