
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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CERTIFIED MAIL
7020-1810-0002-0569-1194

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS, WINERIES, AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2020-0002-0082 TOM AND LORRINDA RAPPÉ, NAPA RANCH WINES LLC PLACER 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 Notice of Intent (NOI) dated 16 April 2021, which stated that you intend to comply with the Tier 1 conditions of the Waiver. Your Wastewater Management Plan, describing wastewater disposal and use, was received on 10 November 2021 and supporting information was received on 14 December 2022. Napa Ranch Wines/Rappé Family Vineyards and Winery (Winery) is located at 6880 Mt. Vernon Road, in Placer County. The winery is owned by Tom and Lorrinda Rappé and operated by Napa Ranch Wines LLC. Tier 1 allows land application of up to 10,000 gallons of wastewater per year for irrigation of landscaping or crops and land application of residual solids (pomace and lees) associated with that volume of wastewater. Any process wastewater or residual solids generated in excess of those amounts must be disposed of off-site at an appropriately permitted facility. If you wish to land apply more wastewater or residual solids, you must submit a new application and the applicable fee and obtain coverage under Tier 2 or 3 of the Waiver prior to increasing the discharge volume.

Based on the information provided in the NOI, we have determined that the discharge meets the required conditions for approval under the Waiver. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2020-0002-0082. A copy of the Waiver is enclosed and also available at the [State Water Boards Adopted Orders: Waivers webpage](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers).

DENISE KADARA, ACTING CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

This winery is a new facility which is planning to eventually to produce up to 1,500 cases (approximately 3,570 gallons) annually within the next five years. The Discharger plans to conduct all winemaking processes on an open-air concrete pad, sloped to multiple drains, located in front of a small structure used for laboratory activities. Wastewater will be generated from cleaning the fermentation bins and other processing equipment in the process area, as well as from the small laboratory sink, and will be discharged via the drains to a common discharge pipe that discharges to an in-ground wastewater cistern located behind the laboratory structure. The cistern's sump pump will be used to periodically pump wastewater out to a mobile water tank, allowing the wastewater to be transported across the property to vineyards for irrigation.

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 2021 Annual Monitoring Report is due by **1 February 2022**.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Waiver 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 NOI and supporting documents and this Notice of Applicability (NOA).

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 Conditions of Discharge (Waiver Attachment A) is prohibited.

Note that the Waiver will expire on **20 February 2025**, after which you must do one of the following:

1. Submit a new NOI with a filing fee (if required) to obtain coverage under a subsequently adopted waiver,
2. Submit a NOI with a filing fee to apply for individual or general Waste Discharge Requirements, or
3. Cease the discharge.

CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY ALTERNATIVES FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY (CV-SALTS) SALT AND NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAMS

The Central Valley Water Board adopted Basin Plan amendments incorporating new programs for addressing ongoing salt and nitrate accumulation in the Central Valley at its 31 May 2018 Board Meeting. The Basin Plan Amendments were conditionally approved by the State Water Board on 16 October 2019 and the Office of Administrative Law on 15 January 2020. Review of water quality data for wineries with process water design flows less than 10,000 gallons per year (Tier 1) indicate that the discharge from these facilities is generally in compliance with the requirements of the Central Valley's Salt and Nitrogen Control program. Therefore, this facility does not need to comply with the requirements of the Salt and Nitrate Control program. Should the Central Valley Water Board become aware of site-specific information indicating that a discharge does not comply with the requirements of the Salt and Nitrate Control Program, it will follow up on a site-specific basis to ensure compliance with the program.

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. 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:	Rappé Family Vineyards and Winery, Placer County
Program:	Non-15
Order:	R5-2020-0002-0082
CIWQS Place ID:	874947

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 Notice of Applicability has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Guy Childs 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, Guy will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact him at (916) 464-4648 or at Guy.Childs@waterboards.ca.gov.

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for Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order R5-2020-0002

cc w/o enc.: Mohan Ganapathy, Placer County Environmental Health Dept., Auburn
Guy Childs, Central Valley Water Board, Rancho Cordova