

**16 FEBRUARY 2024 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 9

SUBJECT:

Following is a proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order that regulates the discharge of wastewater to land. Items indicated as updates on the summary agenda make the requirements consistent with current plans and policies of the Board.

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order for Bronco Winery.

BACKGROUND:

BRONCO WINE COMPANY, BRONCO WINERY, STANISLAUS COUNTY

Bronco Wine Company owns and operates an existing winery (Bronco Winery) that generates processed wastewater that is discharged to land. Waste discharge to land from the Facility is currently regulated under Order 96-247. The Facility is located at 6342 Bystrum Road in Ceres, California. The Facility processes between 300,000 and 450,000 tons of grapes annually and discharges wastewater year-round. Wastewater is generated from wine making activities, boiler blowdown, tank washout, reverse osmosis reject, equipment cleaning and sanitation, bottling, and storm water from processing areas. Distilling material (e.g., lees, filter wash, and other wine residues) generated at an offsite facility owned by the Discharger and located in Napa County is discharged to the treatment system.

The wastewater treatment system consists of a wastewater collection sump, two 0.5-million-gallon flow equalization storage tanks, five infiltration basins, and 77 acres of LAAs. All solids are removed from the site and are not land applied.

The existing Order is overdue for revision. Revised WDRs are needed to update limitations and include Salt and Nitrate Control Program requirements.

ISSUES:

Ms. Jo Anne Kipps provided various comments on the tentative WDRs and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP). In response to the comments received, staff revised the tentative WDRs and MRP. Staff's response to comments are included in the agenda package.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed revised Waste Discharge Requirements.

REVIEWS:

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| Management Review: | SAA |
| Legal Review: | CBM |

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

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