

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2000-04
ID No. 1B89008RMEN

Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements

for

Fetzer Vineyards
Redwood Valley Winery

Mendocino County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (hereinafter the Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. On March 30, 1989, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. 89-35, Waste Discharge Requirements for Fetzer Vineyards, Redwood Valley Winery. The Redwood Valley Winery is located approximately three miles southwest of the community of Redwood Valley at 1150 Bell Arbres Road. (Attachment 1)
2. The wastewater treatment and disposal facilities at the Redwood Valley Winery consisted of a collection system, solids removal using a rotary screen and a settling tank, pH adjustment, treatment in a series of aerated lagoons, and storage in an irrigation pond. Treated effluent was disposed through evaporation, and reused as required for frost protection, vineyard and other agricultural irrigation.
3. The Brown - Foreman Corporation purchased Fetzer Vineyards on July 17, 1992. Only the winemaking equipment was purchased at the Redwood Valley Winery facility and later moved to the Fetzer Vineyards, Valley Oaks Winery where it was installed and put into production. The Fetzer Vineyards, Redwood Valley Winery facility was inspected on March 18, 1999, all winemaking activities had ceased, and all equipment had been removed. Since this facility no longer functions as a winery and wastewater is no longer generated, the waste discharge requirements should be rescinded.
4. Regional Water Board actions to rescind waste discharge requirements are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), Title 14, California Code of Regulations.
5. The Regional Water Board has notified Fetzer Vineyards and interested persons and agencies of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations.
6. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposed rescision.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order 89-35, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Fetzer Vineyards, Valley Oaks Winery be rescinded.

Certification

I, Lee A. Michlin, Executive Officer do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, On January 27, 2000.

Lee A. Michlin
Executive Officer

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