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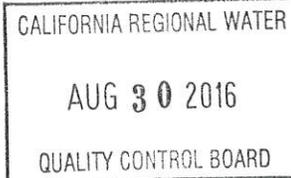
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August 25, 2016

Bruce H. Wolfe  
Executive Officer  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Vineyard Properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds**

Dear Mr. Wolfe,

I am writing to express concerns with the draft Environmental Impact Report and General Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges from Vineyard Properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds. I urge the board to consider extending the August 29, 2016, public comment period to allow for additional collaboration between Board staff and stakeholders. The current timeline is particularly burdensome as many vineyards throughout my district are well into the harvest season, limiting their ability to focus on providing comprehensive feedback on this matter.

It is my hope that an extension would show a good faith effort towards collaboration and ensure new waste discharge requirements are implemented in a fair and responsible manner. I have personally heard from a number of vineyard owners in my district who are concerned that these requirements are being implemented without proper consideration of existing efforts implemented by the vineyard property owners themselves over the last 15 to restore our rivers and watersheds years.

It is my hope that Board staff, industry experts, and environmental leaders can work collaboratively to create a fair and reasonable program that provides significant benefits to the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds.

If you should have any questions regarding my position on the matter, please feel free to contact my district office at (707) 552-4405.

Sincerely,

Bill Dodd  
Assembly member, District 4

