# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

#### ORDER R5-2024-0028

## **RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

## A) CRIMSON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, STANDARD LEASE, ASPHALTO OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY, WDR ORDER NO. R5-2004-0058

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) order R5-2004-0058, adopted on 23 April 2004, prescribes requirements for the discharges of oil field produced wastewater to ponds at Crimson Resource Management Corporation's (Crimson) Asphalto Standard (or Standard) Lease in the Asphalto Oil Field (Facility). The Facility is a crude oil production facility where ponds are used for oil field produced wastewater disposal.

WDRs Order No. R5-2004-0058 are outdated and do not reflect current plans and policies of the Central Valley Water Board. On 24 February 2024, Crimson received a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Waste Discharge Requirements for Oil Field Discharges to Land, General Order Three, Order Number R5-2017-0036. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order No. R5-2004-0058.

# B) NONINI WINERY, INC., NONINI WINERY, FRESNO COUNTY, ORDER NO. 94-255

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 94-255, adopted on 5 August 1994, prescribes requirements for the discharge from the Nonini Winery (Facility) in Fresno County. WDRs Order No. 94-255 was issued to A. Nonini Winery Inc. (Nonini) for the discharge of about 50,000 gallons of winery process wastewater annually (up to 500 gallons per day [gpd] during the crush period and about 120 gpd the remainder of the year) to portions of an approximately 52-acre onsite vineyard owned by Nonini.

Nonini Winery now produces considerably less wine and, as a result, wastewater production has decreased. On 16 September 2023, Nonini submitted a Notice of Intent for State Water Resources Control Board's General WDRs for Winery Process Water WQ 2021-0002-DWQ (Winery General Order). The Notice of Intent indicates Nonini made 700 gallons of wine (294 cases) and generated 4,338 gallons of winery wastewater in 2023. Since flow is less than 10,000 gallons annually, the Nonini Winery is exempt from coverage under the Winery General Order since flows less than 10,000 gpd are unlikely to degrade water quality. On 5 January 2024, the Central Valley Water Board received a request from Nonini to rescind WDRs Order 94-255. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Order 94-255.

## C) NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT, FORBESTOWN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, BUTTE COUNTY; ORDER NO. R5-2019-0027

NPDES Permit No. CA0084824/Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2019-0027, prescribes requirements for waste discharge from the North Yuba Water District's (Discharger) Forbestown Water Treatment Plant (Facility). The Discharger uses an on-site storage reservoir to hold raw water for intake into the water treatment process and distribution to customers. Filter backwash from the water treatment process is treated in settling ponds prior to overflowing back to the on-site storage reservoir. The on-site storage reservoir, containing the mixed raw water and filter backwash water, could previously overflow and discharge into the unnamed tributary to New York Flat Creek. However, the Discharger has made operational changes at the Facility that eliminate any discharge, with the most recent discharge occurring in April 2017. In addition, the Discharger submitted a technical report that demonstrated the Facility can be maintained and operated to eliminate surface water discharges. Operation of the Discharger's pond is separately being considered for enrollment in the Central Valley Water Board's Low-Threat Waiver R5-2018-0085 for low-threat discharges to land. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2019-0027.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above Orders are rescinded on the date of this order unless otherwise stated above.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 19 April 2024.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer