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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**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  
VICTORIA ISLAND, L.P., SABBATICAL LABS AT VICTORIA ISLAND FARMS  
SAN JOAQUIN 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 8 March 2022, which stated that you intend to comply with Tier 1 conditions of the Waiver for discharge of winery waste at 16021 West Highway 4, Stockton in San Joaquin County. The facility is owned by Victoria Island, L.P. and operated by Sabbatical Labs, 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 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 No. R5-2020-0002-0096. 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers)).

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

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

### **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 2022 Annual Monitoring Report is due by **1 February 2023**.

### **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 the Notice of Applicability.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure 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. Discharges of wastes not described in the Conditions of Discharge (Attachment A) of the Waiver is prohibited.

Please 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)**

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.

### **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](mailto: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: Sabbatical Labs, San Joaquin County  
Program: Non-15 Compliance  
Order: R5-2020-0002-0096  
CIWQS Place ID: 864283

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 NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Brendan Kenny is your new point of contact for any questions about the Order. In addition, all monitoring and technical reports should be submitted to him. The enclosed transmittal sheet shall be included with each monitoring report. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Brendan will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Brendan at [bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov).

for PATRICK PULUPA  
Executive Officer

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

cc w/o enc: San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department, Stockton