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RE: Mitigated Negative
Declaration for the General
Waste Discharge Requirements
for Winery Process Water
SCH # 2020070485

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Ms. Laurel E Warddrip
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**Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the General Waste Discharge
Requirements for Winery Process Water**

Dear Ms. Warddrip:

Thank you for providing the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) an opportunity to review and provide comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Winery Process Water. The General Order will cover discharges of winery process water to land starting at 10,000 gallons per year and can cover larger discharges (e.g., 100,000,000 gallons per year). The General Order includes minimum treatment levels, monitoring, and management practices based on the number of gallons of winery process water discharged per year. The General Order also requires compliance with regional water quality control board water quality control plans (Basin Plans), applicable statewide water quality plans or policies, and mitigation measures required by this General Order and future site-specific CEQA evaluations. The General Order will be used by the regional water quality boards to streamline permitting of wineries discharging process water to land and increase water quality protection from these discharges statewide.

Caltrans has the following recommendations:

- The MND uses an older version of the CEQA Appendix G Checklist. Caltrans recommends using the current 2019 version.

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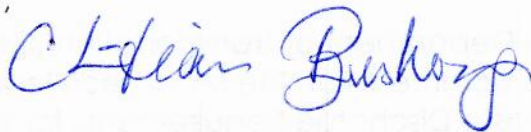
- For future site-specific CEQA evaluations, please keep in mind any work performed within Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to activities or construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination addressing any environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

Caltrans Permit Link

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>

Please continue to keep Caltrans informed of this Project and any future updates that could potentially impact state transportation facilities. Should the State Water Resources Control Board have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bo Wu at (916) 651-8197 or bo.wu@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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