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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL VINEYARDS IN THE NORTH COAST REGION**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (North Coast Water Board), as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for waste discharge requirements regulating the discharge of waste from commercial vineyards within the North Coast Region, “General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Vineyards in the North Coast Region” (Vineyard Order). The Draft EIR is available for public review and comment.

The public review period for the Draft EIR is from June 30, 2023, until August 14, 2023. During the public review period the North Coast Water Board will receive written comments on the Draft EIR. Also, during the public review period, the North Coast Water Board staff will hold a public workshop on the Draft EIR and proposed Vineyard Order during the August Board meeting (August 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>) at the North Coast Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and via Zoom.

The North Coast Water Board will consider certification of the EIR and adoption of proposed Vineyard Order at the December Board meeting (December 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>) at the North Coast Water Board office, 55500 Skyland Blvd., Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and via Zoom. The [agenda will be posted online](#) 10 days prior to both meetings and will indicate the meeting start time and instructions on how to provide oral comments. ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_info/board\\_meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/))

The proposed project (Vineyard Order) is the issuance of a permit regulating waste discharges from commercial vineyards throughout the North Coast region. The purpose of the Vineyard Order is to protect and restore beneficial uses and achieve water quality objectives specified in the Basin Plan. For additional information, visit the North Coast Water Board’s [Agricultural Lands Program’s Vineyard website](#) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/agricultural\\_lands/Vineyards/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/agricultural_lands/Vineyards/)). Or contact staff at [NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov).

The Draft EIR identified potentially significant environmental impacts to agricultural resources.

Written comments are due August 14, 2023, by 5:00pm and may be submitted via email to [NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov) with “Comments on Draft EIR for Vineyards” in the subject line. Staff request that comments on the proposed Vineyard Order be submitted separately with “Comments on Draft Vineyard Order” in the subject line. While email submittal is preferred, written comments will be accepted at: Agricultural Lands Program, North Coast Water Board, 55550 Skylane Blvd, Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Electronic copies of the Draft EIR can be obtained from the [State Clearinghouse website](https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022080129) (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022080129>) or from the North Coast Water Board’s [Agricultural Lands Program’s Vineyard website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/agricultural_lands/Vineyards/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/agricultural\\_lands/Vineyards/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/agricultural_lands/Vineyards/)). Hardcopies of the Draft EIR are available at the North Coast Water Board, 55550 Skylane Blvd, Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

To [subscribe to the email list](#) to receive information about the Draft EIR and Vineyard Order, please visit our subscription site and chose “Agricultural Lands Discharge Program” after entering your email address ([https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north\\_coast](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast)).