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California Winery Waste Discharge Requirements

What Napa County Wineries Need to Know

Order WQ 2021-0002-DWG

New Statewide Requirements

The California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a statewide General Order regulating Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for wineries in California. It is intended to provide uniform regulation and streamlined permitting.

Important Deadline

January 20, 2027

Napa County facilities received a 3-year enrollment extension. This extension ends on January 20, 2027, by which time all wineries permitted through Napa County are expected to enroll for coverage under this General Order.

Who Must Enroll?

The General Order applies to wineries that:

- ✓ Produce wine or grape juice
- ✓ Discharge winery process wastewater (PW) to land for reuse or disposal
- ✓ Fall within Tiers 1–4 based on annual process wastewater volume

Facilities enrolled in an Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) must still apply for coverage under the General Order

How Are Wineries Classified?

Tier	Total Winery PW Volume (gal/year)
Exempt	≤ 10,000
Tier 1	10,001 - 30,000
Tier 2	30,001 - 300,000
Tier 3	300,001 - 1,000,000
Tier 4	1,000,000- 15,000,000

Facilities are assigned to one of five regulatory tiers based on their total annual process wastewater volume

**Annual wastewater volumes must be determined using direct flow measurements, or another approved and accurate calculation method*

Enrollment Process

To obtain coverage under the General Order, wineries must complete the following steps:

- 1 Engage a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) to prepare a Technical Report of Waste Discharge
- 2 Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under the General Order [Electronic Notice of Intent Form](#)
- 3 Receive a Notice of Applicability (NOA) from the State Water Resources Control Board confirming enrollment

Heritage Systems Can Help

Our team can assist you through every step of the enrollment process, including evaluating your wastewater system, preparing required documentation, coordinating with a licensed Professional Engineer, and assisting with General Order enrollment.

