



This is a message from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice is hereby given that the Water Board is releasing a Notice of Preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report and will hold a California Environmental Quality Act public scoping meeting on the proposed project which is the adoption of General Waste Discharge Requirements (General WDRs) for discharges from eligible vineyard properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds (the project).

The Water Board, the lead agency for the project, has prepared an Initial Study for the proposed General WDRs, and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The purpose of the General WDRs is to reduce discharges of sediment, runoff, and other pollutants from vineyard properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds. It avoids requirements for issuing individual WDRs, provided the vineyard properties comply with the terms of the General WDRs such as implementing vineyard management practices to comply with water quality requirements.

The attached Notice of Preparation and Initial Study discuss the project in more detail and are available at the Water Board's office and on its website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/vineyard/index.shtml

The Water Board will conduct a public scoping meeting to receive public and agency comments and assess concerns regarding the appropriate scope and preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the General WDRs as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2014
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Place: Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
Ag/UC Conference Room
Soscol Professional Plaza
1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 3
Napa, California 94559

There will be a 30-day comment period on the above documents. **Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2014,** and should be sent to the staff contact below.

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