

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

**BOARD WORK GROUP**

The Wine Industry & Winegrower Excise Tax Data Board Work Group (Work Group) met at 3:57 p.m., via teleconference (Gov. Code, § 11133), with Work Group Co-chair Mr. Schaefer, Work Group Co-chair Ms. Cohen, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Vazquez present, Ms. Stowers present on behalf of Ms. Yee in accordance with Government Code, section 7.9.

**Board Work Group on Wine Industry & Winegrower Excise Tax Data  
(Mr. Schaefer/Ms. Cohen)**

Ms. Cohen made introductory remarks regarding discussions of the issue, options, and possible action to address concerns raised by the Wine Institute regarding access to winegrower excise tax data.

Ms. Fleming provided the Board an update on Agency actions to date and options available for the Board to consider.

Public commenter Tim Schmelzer, Vice President, California State Relations, Wine Institute, agreed with the proposed option for Board action.

After discussion, Ms. Cohen made a formal recommendation to the Work Group that the Board direct the Executive Director to disclose taxpayer data related to the Wine Industry by zip code, excluding redacted information to preserve taxpayers' confidentiality, in accordance with existing law. Ms. Cohen further stated that this is a Work Group recommendation that will be formally presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Action: Upon motion of Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Further discussion ensued. The Board unanimously carried the motion, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Gaines, Ms. Cohen and Ms. Stowers voting yes, the Work Group recommended that the Board direct the Executive Director to disclose taxpayer data related to the Wine Industry by zip code, excluding the redacted information to preserve taxpayers' confidentiality, in accordance with existing law.

**CLOSING**

The Work Group adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

*The foregoing report is adopted by the Board on January 25-26, 2022.*