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## Central Valley Region



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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 COUFOS CELLARS, NEVADA COUNTY

Regional Board staff has reviewed your 15 July 2005 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. The RWD included a Notice of Non-Applicability for compliance with the storm water General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed) is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors, including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced.

#### Discharge Description

Henry Coufos (hereafter Discharger) owns and will operate Coufos Cellars at 10065 Rough and Ready Road in Rough and Ready, Nevada County. The proposed winery is situated on ten acres in parcel No. 52-291-02 and eight acres in Parcel No. 53-060-25. Of this land, approximately seven acres is in permanent pasture, five acres is vineyard, 0.15 acres is a vegetable garden, and the remainder of the land is landscaped and wooded areas. The proposed winery consists of two existing barns that will be used for winery operations and barrel storage, and a covered concrete crush pad. Wastewater generated during grape crushing activities will gravity flow from the concrete crush pad into a drain and then into a 250 gallon aboveground settling/holding tank. From this tank, the wastewater will then be pumped to a 5,000 gallon aboveground tank prior to being distributed to seven acres of pasture land using a portable sprinkler system. The RWD states that the sprinklers are mobile and will be moved to evenly apply wastewater at rates that will not create runoff conditions.

The RWD states that the Discharger will crush up to 23 tons of grapes producing approximately 3,600 gallons of wine annually. In 2005, the Discharger will crush approximately seven tons of grapes and produce approximately 1,120 gallons of wine. Based on these crush amounts, the winery operations will generate between 7,200 and 28,900 gallons of wastewater annually.

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Approximately 7.5 tons of solid waste (grape stems, skins, and seeds) produced by the de-stemming and pressing operations will be generated annually. These solids will be transported to a designated composting area (approximately 750 square feet) and blended with the feedstock, composted and then applied to the vegetable garden and the five acres of vineyard using a small manure spreader.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD and subsequent technical reports, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of wastewater produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual monitoring report that contains the information described in Item Nos. 2 and 5 of the monitoring and reporting program must be submitted by **1 February** of each year.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the methods of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with a filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge. **If your total annual flow exceeds 100,000 gallons per year, the waiver is no longer applicable to your facility and you must submit a new RWD for individual Waste Discharge Requirements.**

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS  
Executive Officer

enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc: Brad Banner, Placer County Environmental Health Department, Auburn