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Mitch Hawkins and David Boies  
El Roble Grande Winery  
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### ***NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 EL ROBLE GRANDE WINERY, LAKE COUNTY***

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed your 8 June 2006 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and 6 July 2006 supplemental information 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

Mitch Hawkins operates El Roble Grande Winery on approximately 900 acres of land owned by David Boies at 13048 Highway 29 in Lower Lake (APN 012-056-48 and 49). Hereafter, Mitch Hawkins and David Boies are referred to a Discharger. The RWD states that up to 20 tons of grapes will be crushed during 2006, producing approximately 3,300 gallons of wine. The Discharger anticipates that approximately 16,500 gallons of winery wastewater will be generated annually during grape crushing activities. The wastewater will gravity flow from a covered concrete crush pad into a drainpipe connected to a 2,500 gallon aboveground holding tank. The wastewater will then be land applied to eight acres of pastureland (disposal area) using a tractor sprayer.

The Discharger has estimated that approximately 8,000 pounds of solids (grape stems, seeds, skins) will be applied to the eight acres of pastureland using a manure spreader and tractor. The solids will then be tilled into soils.

#### Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD and subsequent information provided by the

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Discharger, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the projected volume of wastewater and process solids 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 Items No. 1, 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 Water Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the volume of waste increases beyond 16,500 gallons per year, or the method 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 you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

- Original Signed by Jack E. Del Conte for -

PAMELA C. CREEDON  
Executive Officer

Enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: Ray Ruminski, Lake County Department of Environmental Health, Lakeport