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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 PESCATORE VINEYARD AND WINERY, PLACER COUNTY

Regional Board staff has reviewed your 2 June 2005 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and 26 July 2005 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

David Wegner (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates Pescatore Vineyard and Winery at 7065 Ridge Road in Newcastle, Placer County. The winery is located on a 15.5 acre parcel and consists of a 1,344 square foot winery building with a covered crush pad. Wastewater generated during grape crushing activities gravity flows from the concrete crush pad into a drain and flows into a 4-inch pipe that gravity feeds into a 300 gallon aboveground holding tank where the Discharger will monitor the level. The wastewater that is collected in the holding tank will be transferred to a tractor sprayer and transported to five acres of vineyard where it will be evenly distributed between the vines.

The RWD states that the Discharger will crush approximately 12 to 14 tons of grapes per year and produce approximately 1,560 gallons of wine annually. Approximately 5,500 gallons of wastewater will be generated annually.

The solid waste generated during wine production consists of grape stems, skins, and seeds. These solids are placed in 60 gallon barrels and then transported to the four compost areas where they are allowed to dry in the barrels for 30 to 45 days. Each composting area is surrounded by a drainage ditch to capture any storm water runoff. Following drying, the solids are placed in compost piles prior to being spread on the five acres of vineyard and tilled into the surrounding landscape. The RWD states that approximately 1,000 to 1,200 pounds of solids will generate approximately 800 pounds of compost.

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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 Items No. 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--

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Executive Officer

enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

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