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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS AND SMALL WINERIES WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION; ORDER NO. R5-2009-0097-0001; PESCATORE VINEYARD & WINERY; PLACER COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff received your application including the Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and application fee of \$1,226 submitted for Pescatore Vineyard and Winery for regulatory coverage under the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors and Small Wineries within the Central Valley Region, Order No. R5-2009-0097* (Order). Based on the information in the application, we have determined that the Discharger meets the required conditions for approval under this Order for your facility and the proposed waste discharge. You are hereby assigned Order No. R5-2009-0097-0001.

The Order, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 8 October 2009, is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small wineries and small food processors. The Order is enclosed and may be viewed on our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#Waivers. You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire Order which prescribes mandatory discharge and monitoring requirements. The facility must be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order, Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements, and with the information submitted in the RWD.

DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

David Wegner (Discharger) owns and operates the Pescatore Vineyard and Winery located at 7055 Ridge Road, in Placer County (APN 031-161-028). The winery will crush approximately 12-14 tons of grapes per year producing approximately 26 barrels or 1,560 gallons of wine annually. The Discharger has estimated that approximately 5,500 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced on an annual basis and thus no greater than 100,000 gallons of wastewater will be applied to land annually. 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. Application will not be made to the vineyard during periods of rain or on saturated soils. Winery operations will be postponed if the storage tank becomes full when land application is not feasible due to precipitation events.

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.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

This Order includes specific monitoring requirements that you must implement and reporting requirements you must comply with, including routine monitoring and reporting to the Central Valley Water Board. Please review the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) closely and establish the appropriate record keeping system so that you are able to complete the required *Annual Monitoring Report* form, contained in the Order. The *Annual Monitoring Report* form must be submitted to our office by **1 February of each year**, even if there is no discharge during the reporting year.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

This Order includes specific and general conditions required for your operation. In addition, you must maintain control over the discharge and operate in accordance to the information provided in your application.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the facility name, location, and discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements in the Order may result in an enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions above, the Central Valley Water Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability which is a monetary penalty.

Discharge of waste material other than described in the application is prohibited. If the method of waste disposal changes from that described in your application, you must submit a new *Report of Waste Discharge Technical Information* form describing the new operation.

Please note that the Order will expire on 8 October 2014, at which time either (1) a new application with a filing fee will be necessary for regulatory coverage under a subsequently adopted new Order, or (2) the discharge must cease.

If you have any questions regarding submitting an updated report of waste discharge, or questions about making changes to your permitted operations, please contact Mr. Robin Merod at (916) 464-4697 or rmerod@waterboards.ca.gov.

All compliance and enforcement questions should be directed to Guy Childs of the Compliance and Enforcement Section at (916) 464-4648 or gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov.

All monitoring reports should be submitted to Mr. Childs by the compliance due date.

Original signed by

Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

Enclosures (Discharger Only): General Conditional Waiver, Order No. R5-2009-0097
Electronic Copy of Annual Report Form (Compact Disc)
Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for
Waste Discharge Requirements, 1 March 1991

cc (Without Enclosure): Placer County Environmental Health Department, Auburn