

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**CONSIDERATION OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
for**

**R.M.E., INC.
WOODBIDGE WINERY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

R.M.E. Inc., operates Woodbridge Winery at 5950 E. Woodbridge Road, Acampo. The winery crushes 150,000 tons of grapes annually and an expansion is planned. Wastewater is treated in four unlined ponds and applied to land. The ponds are within the 100-year flood zone. Degraded groundwater was noted in October 2004. The Discharger was required to investigate the groundwater quality and submit an RWD but staff's review indicated the proposed system is not protective of groundwater quality. This Order provides the Discharger with a final opportunity to establish background groundwater quality. The Discharger has described a three-phase wastewater improvement plan that will take until August 2010 to implement.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 21/22 June 2007
TIME: 8:30 am
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- R.M.E., Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **15 June 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative Cease and Desist Order was issued on 16 March 2007. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **15 June 2007**. Written

evidence or comments submitted after **15 June 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed Cease and Desist Order should contact Timothy O'Brien, (916) 464-4616. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

Jack DelConte, Assistant Executive Officer

30 May 2007