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## **Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board**

March 28, 2016

Dave Robertson Centrally Grown, Inc. 2200 Hollyridge Drive Los Angeles, CA 90068-3517 CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7015 0640 0001 9856 4325

Danielle Biberia Facility Manager Centrally Grown, Inc. <u>danieller@centrallygrown.com</u> VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Robertson:

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTRALLY GROWN RESTAURANT - WDR 97-10-DWQ, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, WDID 3 401212496

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has not received a monitoring report from Centrally Grown for the months of January or February 2016. These reports were to be submitted no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month, as required by Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) 97-10-DWQ, revised December 14, 2015.

The failure to submit, or late submittal, of any Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) is a violation of the associated MRP.

This Notice of Violation:

- a) documents the two violations for the record; and
- b) underscores the requirement for Centrally Grown to submit SMRs, even if the facility is not in operation during the reporting period.

Water Board staff has had multiple communications with Centrally Grown representatives about SMR requirements since your facility's enrollment in Waste Discharge Requirements Order 97-10-DWQ on January 22, 2013. The continued non-submittal of SMRs is therefore considered to be a deliberate avoidance of water quality regulations and orders, and as such poses a serious threat to the integrity of the Water Boards regulatory program. Your potential civil liability on a daily basis for non-submittal of SMRs is \$5,000 for each day the violation occurs. Water Board staff will determine the need for additional enforcement actions based in part upon Centrally Grown's future compliance of with MRP No. 97-10-DWQ, as revised December 14, 2015. The Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement action authorized by law.

DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | JOHN M. ROBERTSON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If you have any questions regarding this notice of violation, please contact Jon Rokke at (805) 549-3892 or by email at <u>jon.rokke@waterboards.ca.gov</u>, or Chris Adair at (805) 549-3761 or by email at <u>chris.adair@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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