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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 OBSCURITY CELLARS WINERY, EL DORADO COUNTY

Regional Board staff have reviewed your 22 March 2004 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD), and subsequent information submitted on 6 April 2004 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 stormwater 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

Oakstone Winery, Inc. (Discharger) owns Obscurity Cellars Winery which is located at 6470 Irish Acres Road in Fairplay, El Dorado County. The Discharger estimates that a maximum of 25 tons of grapes will be crushed annually, resulting in approximately 1,500 cases of wine being produced. The Discharger estimates that approximately 7,100 gallons of wastewater will be produced annually. All activities producing wastewater will be conducted inside a covered building. Process wastewater will be piped directly into a 1,100 gallon aboveground holding tank.

Wastewater will be hauled via a trailer mounted tank and disposed of on a six acre vineyard surrounding the winery. Application of wastewater will be made directly from the trailer through a pipe manifold. Residual solids (pumice, culls, and stems) from the winery operation are taken directly from the presses and spread evenly throughout the six acre vineyard using an agricultural spreader or by workers off the back of a truck or trailer.

Conditional Waiver

Wastewater must be spread evenly over the entire six acres of vineyards. With this practice, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the methods of wastewater and solids disposal. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

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Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report 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 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 filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 464-4689.

--Original Signed By--

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Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

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