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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY, CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS AND SMALL WINERIES WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, ORDER NO. R5-2009-0097-0052, G. GRAHAM WINES, INC., LAKE COUNTY.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 4 January 2010 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and the additional information submitted by G. Graham Wines, Inc., dated 12 February 2011, 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) and determined that the RWD is complete. You are hereby assigned Order No. R5-2009-0097-0052.

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 it is also available on the website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers.

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Order including the discharge and monitoring requirements. The facility must be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the Order and with the information submitted in the RWD.

DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

Gregory Graham (hereby referred to as Discharger) owns and operates the G. Graham Wines, Inc., located at 13633 Point Lakeview Road in Lower Lake, Lake County (APN 012-066-067). The winery facility consists of a winery building for processing operations that include receiving, crushing of grapes, fermentation, processing into finished wine, and sales distribution.

The Discharger will process approximately 75 tons of grapes each year. Less than 10,000 gallons of wastewater will be generated annually. Winery wastewater gravity flows from the winery building into a drain and is collected in three 1,500-gallon concrete holding tanks. Tank water levels are monitored via floats with visual and audible alarms. The tanks are emptied annually or when necessary by Action Sanitary (or equivalent hauler) and transported

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to Lake County's Southeast Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (or equivalent permitted facility).

The residual solids (pulp and skin remains from the winemaking process) will be composted on site, mixed with purchased compost, and applied to the 27-acre vineyard as a soil amendment. Solids are distributed to the land application area via a tractor and spreader. The grape stems are field dried and then chopped on the vineyard avenues for added erosion control measures.

Domestic wastewater is collected separately from the process wastewater. Domestic wastewater is discharged to a septic tank and leachfield system regulated through the Lake County Environmental Health Department.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Order includes specific monitoring requirements for you to 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 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

The Order includes specific and general conditions required for your operation. In addition, you must maintain control over the discharge and operate in accordance with the information provided in your application and this Notice of Applicability (NOA).

Please review this NOA carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the facility name, location, and discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Order may result in enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code, which could include civil liability.

Discharge of waste material not described in the RWD is prohibited. If the method of waste disposal changes from that described in your application, you must submit an updated RWD to describe 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, (2) you seek coverage under an individual or other order, or (3) the discharge must cease.

If you have any questions regarding submitting an updated RWD, or questions about making changes to your permitted operations, please contact Ms. Lani Andam at (916) 464-4723 or landam@waterboards.ca.gov.

All compliance and enforcement questions should be directed to Mr. Guy Childs of the Compliance and Enforcement Section at (916) 464-4635 or gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov. All monitoring reports should be submitted to Mr. Childs by the compliance due date.

Original signed by Mr. Frederick Moss for

Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order No. R5-2009-0097

cc w/o enc: Ray Ruminski, Lake County Environmental Health Department, Lakeport.