
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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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 R5-2009-0097-0081 BARRETT FARMS POULTRY PROCESSING PLANT, BARRETT FARMS, LAKE COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 25 April 2012 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for regulatory coverage of the Barrett Farms Poultry Processing Plant in Lake County. The facility was previously regulated under an individual Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, Resolution R5-2008-0018, which expires on 25 January 2013. Based on the information included in the RWD and information contained in Resolution R5-2008-0018, the discharge qualifies for coverage under the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors and Small Wineries within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2009-0097* (Order). The Order, which was 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 RWD contains the information required and the discharge as described in the RWD qualifies for coverage under the Order. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2009-0097-0081. A copy of the Order is enclosed and it is also available on the internet at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2009-0097.pdf

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

Barrett Farms owns and operates the Barrett Farm Poultry Processing Plant, which is located at 1625 Soda Bay Road in Finley, Lake County (APN 008-007-080). The poultry plant is located on land owned by Michael Barrett. Barrett Farms and Michael Barrett are hereby referred to as Discharger.

The property consist of approximately 16.5 acres with 7.4 acres used as a walnut orchard and 4.3 acres of pastureland, a covered chicken barn with concrete floor, a poultry processing building, a residence, a domestic wastewater septic tank and leach field system, and assorted sheds and animal enclosures. An overall site plan is shown on Attachment A, which is attached hereto and is made part of this Order by reference. Approximately 400 chickens are processed on a weekly basis, generating approximately 2,750 gallons per day of poultry process wastewater. Wastewater flows via gravity floor drains within the poultry processing building into two 2,000 gallon and one 4,000 gallon fiberglass underground holding tanks. Wastewater generated at the plant is transported offsite to Lake County Sanitation, East Bay Municipal Utility District, or similar permitted wastewater treatment facility.

Solid wastes from the poultry processing facility, including feathers, offal, and blood, is stored in sealed containers separate from the wastewater for disposal offsite to a rendering facility. Approximately 25 to 38 (dry) tons of poultry manure is generated per year, primarily in the chicken barn. Poultry manure is collected and hauled for offsite sales.

Domestic wastewater is collected separately from the process wastewater. Domestic wastewater is discharged to a septic tank and leach field system which is permitted through Lake County.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Order includes specific monitoring and reporting requirements that 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 wastes 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 you must do one of the following:

1. Submit a new application with a filing fee to obtain coverage under a subsequently adopted waiver; or

2. Submit an application with a filing fee to apply for individual or general Waste Discharge Requirements, or
3. Cease the discharge.

Coverage under this Order applies to small food processors, including meat processors, which store any volume of process wastewater in a tank on-site prior to transporting it off-site for disposal at an appropriately permitted facility. We understand that an ultimate production capacity of 2,000 chickens processed weekly is anticipated in the future. This future expansion would include additional chicken barns and a wastewater management system that would include aerated ponds, a constructed wetland, and land application of the poultry process wastewater to the existing walnut orchard and pasture. At least 8 months prior to that expansion, the Discharger must apply for individual Waste Discharge Requirements.

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

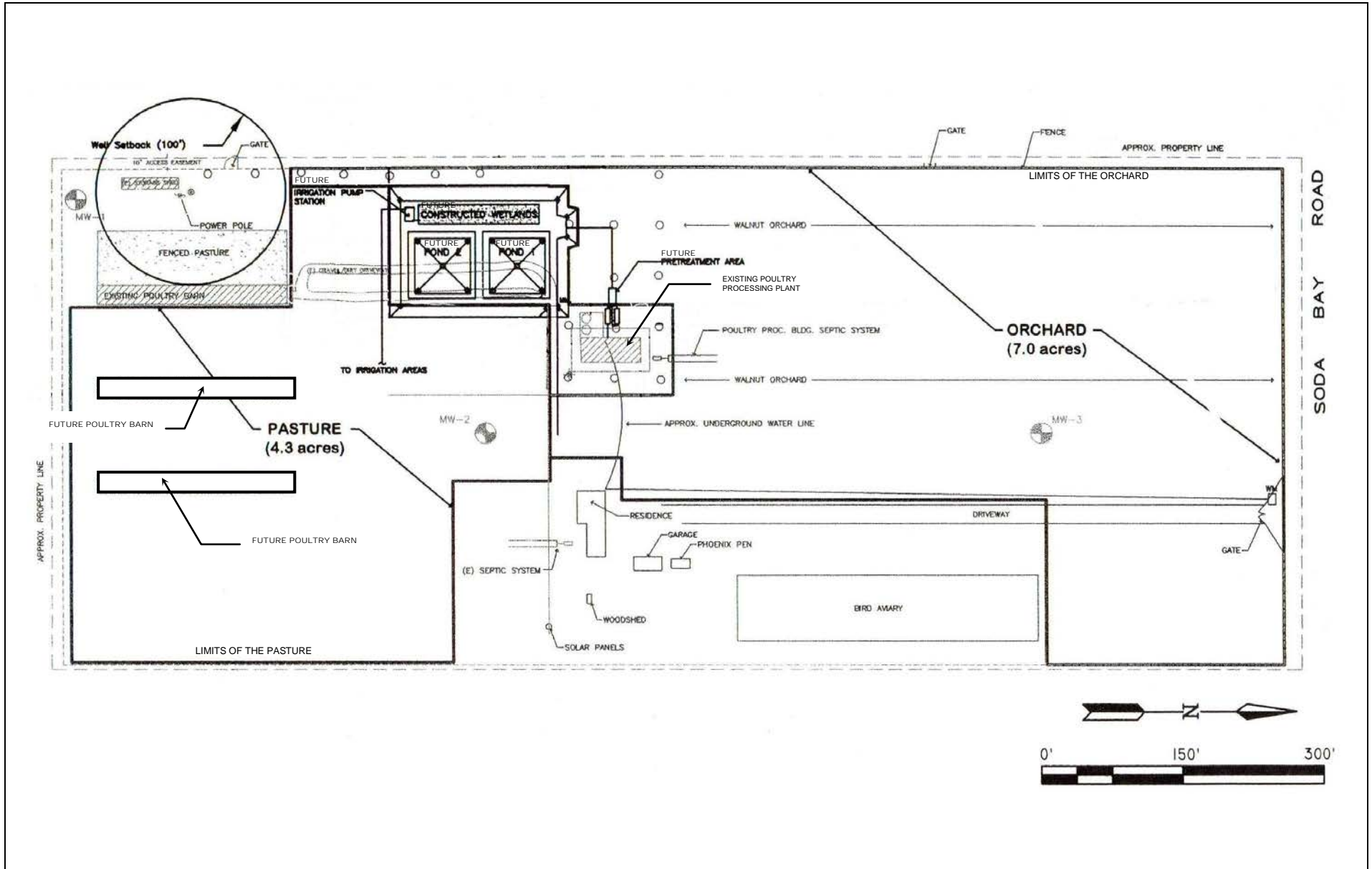
All compliance and enforcement questions should be directed to Mr. Guy Childs of the Compliance and Enforcement Section at (916) 464-4648 or gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov. All monitoring reports must be submitted to Mr. Childs by the compliance due date.

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

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

cc w/o enc: Lake County Environmental Health Department, Lakeport
Glenn Dombeck, Ascend Innovations, Inc., Kensington



Approximate Scale:
Noted on Drawing

Drawing Reference:
Ascend Innovations, Inc.
31 July 2007

OVERALL SITE PLANT
Barrett Farms Poultry Processing Facility
1625 Soda Bay Road
Lake County