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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

4 April 2016

James G. and Amelia M. Sweeney (owner/operator)
Sweeney Dairy
30712 Road 170
Visalia, CA 93292

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ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT R5-2016-0531 FOR SWEENEY DAIRY, W DID 5D545155N01, 30712 ROAD 170, VISALIA, TULARE COUNTY

Enclosed is an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint), issued pursuant to California Water Code (Water Code) section 13323, for violations of the Reissued Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Existing Milk Cow Dairies, Order R5-2013-0122 (Reissued General Order). The Complaint charges James G. and Amelia M. Sweeney (Discharger) with civil liability in the amount **fifty-nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$59,850)**, for failure to submit a 2014 Annual report, as required pursuant to Water Code section 13267(b).

Pursuant to Water Code section 13323, the Discharger may:

- Pay the assessed civil liability and waive its right to a hearing before the Central Valley Water Board by signing the enclosed waiver (checking off the box next to item #3) and submitting it to this office by **25 April 2016**, along with payment for the full amount;
- Waive the right to a hearing within 90 days and agree to enter into settlement discussions with the Central Valley Water Board and request that any hearing on the matter be delayed by signing the enclosed waiver (checking off the box next to item #4) and submitting it to this office by **25 April 2016**; or
- Waive the right to a hearing within 90 days in order to extend the hearing deadlines (checking off box next to item #5).

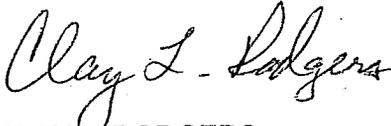
If the Discharger chooses to sign the waiver and pay the assessed civil liability, this will be considered a tentative settlement of the violations in the Complaint. This settlement will be considered final pending a 30-day period of public notice, during which time interested parties may comment on this action by submitting information to this office, attention Dale Essary. Should the Central Valley Water Board receive new information or comments during this comment period, the Central Valley Water Board's Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the Complaint, return payment, and issue a new complaint.

If the Central Valley Water Board does not receive a signed waiver by **25 April 2016**, then a hearing on this matter will be scheduled for the **23/24 June 2016** regular meeting of the Central Valley Water Board to be held at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, in the City of Rancho Cordova, California, 95670. If a hearing on this matter is held, the Central Valley Water Board will consider whether to issue, reject, or modify an Administrative Civil Liability Order based on the enclosed Complaint, or whether to refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of judicial civil liability. Modification of

the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order may include increasing the dollar amount of the assessed civil liability. Specific notice about this hearing and its procedures are enclosed with this Complaint.

Payment of this assessed civil liability amount (\$59,850) does not absolve the Discharger from complying with the Reissued General Order, the terms of which remain in effect. Additional civil liability may be assessed in the future if the Discharger fails to comply with the Reissued General Order in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, please contact Dale Essary at (559) 445-5093.



CLAY L. RODGERS
Assistant Executive Officer

Enclosure: Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R5-2016-0531
Attachment A
Attachment B
Hearing Procedures for Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R5-2016-0531
Waiver
Administrative Civil Liability Fact Sheet
Exhibits A through C

cc w/encl: Mr. Andrew Altevogt, Central Valley Water Board, Rancho Cordova
Ms. Susie Loscutoff, Office of Enforcement, SWRCB, Sacramento
Mr. David Boyers, Office of Enforcement, SWRCB, Sacramento
Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, Environmental Health, Visalia
Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Code Compliance, Visalia