



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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Mr. Ronald S. Morris  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS AND SMALL WINERIES WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION; ORDER NO. R5-2009-0097-0010; SECRET RAVINE VINEYARDS, LLC; PLACER COUNTY**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff received your application including the Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and application fee of \$1,226 submitted for Secret Ravine Vineyards, LLC 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). Based on the information in the application, we have determined that the Discharger meets the required conditions for approval under this Order for your facility and the proposed waste discharge. You are hereby assigned Order No. R5-2009-0097-0010.

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 may be viewed on our website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/#Waivers](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#Waivers). You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire Order which prescribes mandatory discharge and monitoring requirements. The facility must be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order, Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements, and with the information submitted in the RWD.

**DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION**

Ronald S. Morris (referred to as Discharger) owns and operates the Secret Ravine Vineyards, LLC located at 4390 Gold Trails Way, in Placer County (APN 253-210-30). The winery will crush approximately 40 tons of grapes per year producing approximately 5,000 gallons of wine annually. The Discharger has estimated that approximately 15,000 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced on an annual basis and thus no greater than 100,000 gallons of wastewater will be applied to land annually. The winery consists of a 2,500 square foot winery building and concrete press and crush pads measuring approximately 800 and 1,200 square feet. Wastewater generated during grape crushing and pressing activities drains from the

concrete crush pad into two sunken grates and then flows via gravity through a 4-inch drain pipe into two concrete sumps. Each sump contains a level sensor and an automatically actuated pump that discharges the wastewater to a 2,500 gallon above-ground plastic holding tank via an underground pipe. The level sensor shuts the pump off when the level in the tank reaches 2,000 gallons. The wastewater that is collected in the holding tank is transported off site by a licensed septic hauler to a disposal facility in Placer County.

The Discharger estimates that no more than five tons (wet weight) of solids (grape stems, seeds, and skins) will be produced annually based on the expected volume (40 tons) to be crushed each year. Solids are collected and deposited in a compost pile located in a designated compost area. The compost area is a 336 square foot fenced area located onsite approximately 50 feet south of the press pad. Solid waste is then spread onto 3.5 acres of vineyard during the summer months.

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

This Order includes specific monitoring requirements that you must 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 (MRP) 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**

This Order includes specific and general conditions required for your operation. In addition, you must maintain control over the discharge and operate in accordance to the information provided in your application.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the facility name, location, and discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements in the Order may result in an enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions above, the Central Valley Water Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability which is a monetary penalty.

Discharge of waste material other than described in the application is prohibited. If the method of waste disposal changes from that described in your application, you must submit a new *Report of Waste Discharge Technical Information* form describing 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, or (2) the discharge must cease.

If you have any questions regarding submitting an updated report of waste discharge, or questions about making changes to your permitted operations, please contact Mr. Robin Merod at (916) 464-4697 or [rmerod@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmerod@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](mailto:gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov). All monitoring reports should be submitted to Mr. Childs by the compliance due date.

Original signed by

Pamela C. Creedon  
Executive Officer

Enclosures (Discharger Only): General Conditional Waiver, Order No. R5-2009-0097  
Electronic Copy of Annual Report Form (Compact Disc)  
Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for  
Waste Discharge Requirements, 1 March 1991

cc (Without Enclosure): Placer County Environmental Health Department, Auburn