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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. R5-2009-0097-0041, SIERRA OAKS ESTATES, EL DORADO COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 10 May 2010 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) submitted by Sierra Oaks Estates for 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. R5-2009-0097-0041.

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

James A. Brown (Discharger) owns and operates the Sierra Oaks Estates winery at 3900 Tawanka Road, Mt. Aukum, El Dorado County.

The Discharger will crush up to 30 tons of grapes each year for the next five years, and estimates that 4,500 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced annually.

Wastewater generated in grape crushing, tank cleaning, racking and bottling will be collected in a settling tank. The overflow from the settling tank will flow into an 1100-gallon aboveground storage tank. Effluent from the storage tank will be applied to the land application area with tractor and trailer. The land application area consists of 10 acres of vineyards.

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Approximately 10 tons of solids (grape stems, seeds, and skins) will be produced annually. Solids will be collected in bins and then applied to the land application area at the end of each day or at the conclusion of the operation.

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. Lixin Fu at (916) 464-4689 or lfu@waterboards.ca.gov.

All compliance and enforcement questions should be directed to Mr. Brendan Kenney at (916) 464-4635 or bkenney@waterboards.ca.gov. All monitoring reports should be submitted to Mr. Kenney by the compliance due date.

Original Signed by Frederick Moss for

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Enclosure (Discharger Only): General Conditional Waiver, Order No. R5-2009-0097

cc w/o enc: El Dorado County Environmental Health Department, Placerville