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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. R5-2009-0097-0069, LESTER FARMS, SOLANO COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 6 October 2011 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and supplemental information received in December 2011. The RWD was submitted by Stan Lester to apply 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). 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 No. R5-2009-0097-0069. 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.

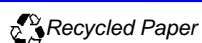
Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Order including the discharge and monitoring requirements. The facility must be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the Order and with the information submitted in the RWD.

DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

Stan Lester (Discharger) owns and operates Lester Farms, which is located at 8768 Holmes Lane near Winters (Yolo County), but located in Solano County (APN 0103-080-050-01).

The Discharger will hull approximately 1,400 tons of walnuts each year through 2014, and estimates that approximately 52,000 gallons of process wastewater will be produced annually. Wastewater generated in hulling and washing will be collected in a

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concrete sump and applied via irrigation ditches to the land application area, which consists of 1.2 acres of walnut trees. Approximately 100 pounds of residual solids (walnut hulls) will be produced each year. Residual solids will be spread on the land application area one to two inches thick using a manure spreader.

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.

If you have any questions regarding submitting an updated RWD, or questions about making changes to your permitted operations, please contact Robin Merod at (916) 464-4697 or rmerod@waterboards.ca.gov.

All compliance and enforcement questions should be directed to 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

cc w/o enc: Placer County Environmental Health Department, Auburn