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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

#### WATER QUALITY ORDER R5-2015-0005 WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS AND SMALL WINERIES WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) received your application including the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for Codora Farms Hulling LLC for continuation of enrollment in Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors R5-2015-0005 (Waiver). 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 were previously assigned Order No. R5-2015-0005-0058, however it was determined that this number has been assigned to a different enrollee. This Amendment hereby assigns Codora Farms Hulling LLC **Order No. R5-2015-0005-0076**.

The Order, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 5 February 2015, is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small wineries and small food processors. A link to the waiver, including applicability requirements, specific conditions and the Monitoring and Reporting Program, can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/waivers/r5-2015-0005.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2015-0005.pdf)

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 Waiver for Waste Discharge Requirements and with the information submitted in the ROWD.

Please note that the Waiver will expire on **5 February 2020**, at which time either (1) a new application will be necessary for regulatory coverage under a subsequently adopted new order, or (2) the discharge must cease and a request for termination letter must be submitted.

#### DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

Codora Farms Hulling LLC (referred to as Discharger) is a group of local farm families (Perez, Perez, Calvert, Smith, Clark, Carreira and Hudson) that own and operate the Codora Farms

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walnut hulling operation, located at the corner of County Road 61 and Highway 45, Princeton, California in Glenn County (APN 013-350-013). A total of 6,048 tons of walnuts are processed per year, which generates approximately 924,600 total gallons of process wastewater per year (harvest season is August – October). Process wastewater enters a concrete trough from the huller and travels west where the water runs through a meter and is diverted to an unlined pond located to the southwest property line. Residual solids are collected on the southeast property line and a local dairy farmer hauls it offsite for mixing with cattle feed. Only 1,000,000 gallons of process wastewater may be applied to land. Therefore, any process wastewater generated in excess of 1,000,000 must be disposed of at an off-site permitted waste facility. In addition, the amount of residual solids applied to land per year cannot exceed the amount associated with generation of 1,000,000 gallons of wastewater per year. The amount of process wastewater being generated puts Codora Farms Hulling LLC into Tier 3 of the Waiver. Tier 3 subjects Codora Farms Hulling LLC to an annual fee. Current fee information can be found on the Internet at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water\\_quality/#wdr](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/#wdr)

### **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 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.

This is a reminder to please convert all letters, documents, and other materials that you would normally submit to us as hard copies (i.e. monitoring reports), into an electronic searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) file. Files that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

[centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov)

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Heidi.Bauer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Heidi.Bauer@waterboards.ca.gov), (530) 224-4996 or the footer address.



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