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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

19 September 2019

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY  
WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD  
PROCESSORS, WINERIES, AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS  
WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, ORDER R5-2015-0005**

**MIKE OWEN, CRYSTAL BASIN CELLARS  
EL DORADO COUNTY**

On 5 February 2015, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2015-0005* (the Waiver).

We are in receipt of your Notice of Intent (NOI) dated 7 August 2019, which stated that you intend to comply with the Tier 1 conditions of the Waiver. Crystal Basin Cellars (the winery) is located at 3550 Carson Road, Camino in El Dorado County. The winery is owned and operated by Mike Owen. Tier 1 allows land application of up to 10,000 gallons of wastewater per year for irrigation of landscaping or crops and land application of residual solids (pomace and lees) associated with that volume of wastewater. Any process wastewater or residual solids generated in excess of those amounts must be disposed of off-site at an appropriately permitted facility. If you wish to land apply more wastewater or residual solids, you must submit a new application and the applicable fee and obtain coverage under Tier 2 or 3 of the Waiver prior to increasing the discharge volume.

Based on the information provided in the NOI, we have determined that the discharge meets the required conditions for approval under the Waiver. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2015-0005-0110. A copy of the Waiver is enclosed and also available at the [State Water Boards Adopted Orders: Waivers webpage](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/#waivers](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers)).

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Waiver, including the Conditions of Discharge (Waiver Attachment A) and Monitoring and Reporting Program (Waiver Attachment B). Winery waste must be managed and discharged in accordance with the requirements contained in the Conditions of Discharge and with the information submitted in the NOI.

KARL E. LONGLEY SCD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

Attachment B of the Waiver 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, which is also contained in Attachment B of the Waiver.

By **February 1 of each year**, the Annual Monitoring Report must be submitted to our office, even if there is no discharge during the reporting year. The 2019 Annual Monitoring Report is due by **1 February 2020**.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Waiver includes specific and general conditions with which you must comply and you must maintain control over the discharge and operate in accordance with the information provided in your NOI and this Notice of Applicability.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the facility name, location, and details of the proposed discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Waiver 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 Conditions of Discharge (Attachment A) of the Waiver is prohibited.

Please note that the current Waiver will expire on **5 February 2020**. Sometime close to that date you will receive a letter regarding transfer of coverage to the next version of the waiver. Until your discharge is enrolled under a new waiver you are required to comply with the requirements in R5-2015-0005-0110.

## **DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS**

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to: [centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov).

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

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| Facility Name:  | Crystal Basin Cellars, El Dorado County |
| Program:        | Non-15 Compliance                       |
| Order:          | R5-2015-0005-0110                       |
| CIWQS Place ID: | 855251                                  |

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Mike Owen  
Crystal Basin Cellars

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ECM Mailroom  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the Notice of Applicability has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Kenny Croyle is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Kenny will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Kenny at (916) 464-4676 or at [kcroyle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kcroyle@waterboards.ca.gov).

Original signed by Robert Busby for

Patrick Pulupa  
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order R5-2015-0005

cc: El Dorado County Environmental Health Department, Placerville