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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. R5-2009-0097-0045, EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT CAMANCHE HILLS HUNTING PRESERVE, AMADOR COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 18 October 2010 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) prepared by East Bay Municipal Utility District 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) and determined that the RWD is complete. You are hereby assigned Order No. R5-2009-0097-0045.

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

Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve operates a hunting club owned by the East Bay Municipal Utility District (Discharger). The hunting club is located along the north shore of Lake Camanche at 2951 Curran Road, Amador County.

The site includes a hunting preserve (approximately 1,500 acres), a building used to clean and process birds, and an 8,000-gallon underground storage tank used to store

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wastewater generated from the bird cleaning process. Hunting season at the preserve runs from October through March, six days a week.

The bird cleaning process includes: (1) immersing bird carcasses in hot water tanks to soften skins prior to plucking, (2) removing feathers in plucking machines, (3) gutting and cleaning carcasses, and (4) washing carcasses for a final rinse. The RWD indicates that no chemicals are used during the operation. The Discharger estimates that approximately 0.2 to 0.4 gallons of water are produced by processing one bird. Skin softening and final rinse water is approximately 50 to 60 gallons daily. Approximately 6,000 gallons of wastewater are generated annually. Wastewater generated from the process is discharged into the 8,000-gallon underground storage tank equipped with an alarm at the 6,000-gallon level, and then is hauled offsite as needed to a permitted wastewater treatment facility (for example, Camanche South Shore Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment Plant).

Domestic wastewater is collected separately from the process wastewater. Domestic wastewater is treated through a standard leachfield system.

All waste solids are separated from wastewater and are disposed at Amador County Municipal Landfill.

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 Ms. Mary Boyd of the Compliance and Enforcement Section at (916) 464-4676 or mboyd@waterboards.ca.gov. All monitoring reports should be submitted to Ms. Boyd 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: Mike Israel, Amador County Environmental Health Department, Jackson