



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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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. R5-2009-0097-0063, SHOEI FOODS USA OLIVEHURST WALNUT AND COCONUT FACILITY, YUBA COUNTY***

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 31 March 2011 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) submitted by Shoei Foods USA, Inc. 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. R5-2009-0097-0063. 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers).

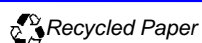
Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Order including the discharge and monitoring requirements. The facility must be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the Order and with the information submitted in the RWD.

### **DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION**

Shoei Foods USA, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates a walnut and coconut processing facility at 1900 Feather River Boulevard in Olivehurst, Yuba County (APNs 016-060-019 and 016-060-023).

The Discharger processes up to 6200 tons of walnuts and coconuts year through 2014, and estimates that approximately 27,000 gallons of process wastewater will be produced annually. Wastewater is generated by two separate processes: a) bleaching in-shell walnuts with 3 percent sodium hypochlorite solution and hydrogen peroxide; and b) sanitizing

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coconut processing equipment with 3 percent sodium hypochlorite solution and hydrogen peroxide. Wastewater will be collected in holding tanks and pumped to a 50-acre walnut orchard land application area. Approximately 16 pounds of residual solids are disposed of at an off-site permitted waste disposal facility.

### **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.

**Please note that Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 90-006 was rescinded by the Central Valley Water Board on 1 December 2011 pursuant to your request. Discharges of process waste are now regulated only by the waiver pursuant to this Notice.**

All questions regarding compliance and enforcement questions should be directed to Brendan Kenny of the Compliance and Enforcement Section at (916) 464-4635 or [bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov). All monitoring reports must be submitted to Mr. Kenny by the compliance due date.

If you have any questions about making changes to your permitted operations, please contact Tim O'Brien at (916) 464-4616 or [tobrien@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tobrien@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order No. R5-2009-0097

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