

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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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. R5-2009-0097-0078, EDEN PLAINS VINEYARDS, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY***

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 29 May 2012 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and additional information submitted by Greg Williams 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. R5-2009-0097-0078. 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**

Greg Williams (Discharger) owns and operates the Eden Plains Vineyard, which is located at 2470 Eden Plains Road near the City of Knightsen in Contra Costa County (APN 020180019).

The Discharger will crush up to 20 tons of grapes each year through 2014, and estimates that approximately 3,500 gallons of winery wastewater are currently produced annually. The Discharger plans to increase production through 2014 and estimates that up to 10,000 gallons will be produced annually. Collected wastewater will be used to irrigate a 0.5 acre walnut tree orchard using an overland flow method. The natural contours of the land will contain applied wastewater on site.

Domestic wastewater is collected separately from the process wastewater. Domestic wastewater is discharged to a septic tank that is permitted through the Contra Costa County Department of

Environmental Health tank. The Discharger is working with the Department of Environmental Health to expand the leach field system to accommodate a tasting room.

Approximately 6.5 tons of residual solids (grape stems, seeds, and skins) will be produced each year. During the crush season, pomace will be applied to the 5 acre vineyard. Pomace will be hauled to the vineyard by a tractor and manually spread to prevent nuisance conditions.

### **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](mailto:rmerod@waterboards.ca.gov).

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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](mailto:gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov). All monitoring reports must be submitted to Mr. Childs by the compliance due date.

PAMELA C. CREEDON  
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Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order R5-2009-0097  
Annual Monitoring Report Form

cc w/o enc: Mr. Randall L. Sawyer, Contra Costa County Environmental Health Department, Concord