
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 R5-2009-0097-0079, ALL QA PRODUCTS, LLC, WHISPER HILL VINEYARD, EL DORADO COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 11 October 2012 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) submitted by All QA Products, LLC 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 R5-2009-0097-0079. 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.

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

All QA Products, LLC (Discharger) owns and operates the Whisper Hill Vineyard, which is located at 3000 Gopher Hole in Somerset, El Dorado County (APN 093-180-07).

The Discharger is constructing a new wine storage facility at an existing vineyard. Except for racking and bottling, wine making processes will not be conducted onsite and no pomace will be generated. Wastewater is mainly generated from barrel washing. Approximately 12,000 gallons of wastewater will be produced annually. The wastewater from barrel washing will be collected in a 1,000-gallon polyethylene tank, and then applied to 20 acres of vineyard land application areas (LAAs) via a drip irrigation system. The Discharger proposes to discharge wastewater to the LAAs beginning in January 2013.

A small amount of solids will be generated from barrel washing. These solids will be applied to the LAAs.

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 Ms. Lixin Fu at (916) 464-4689 or lfu@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

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

cc w/o enc: El Dorado County Environmental Health Department, Placerville