
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 R5-2009-0097-0098, ANN AINSELY THOMAS, LLC AMADOR FOOTHILL WINERY, AMADOR COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff reviewed the 9 September 2014 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) submitted by Amador Foothill Winery for coverage under the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors and Small Wineries within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2009-0097* (Order) and determined that the RWD is complete. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2009-0097-0098.

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

The Amador Foothill Winery is located at 12500 Steiner Road in Plymouth, Amador County. It was previously owned and operated by Benjamin Zeitman and Mary K. Quinn, and was regulated under Order R5-2009-0097-0046. On 25 July 2014, Ann Ainsely Thomas LLC (Discharger) purchased the Amador Foothill Winery. The discharger operates the facility and proposes to immediately begin discharging process waste to land.

The wine production will be approximately 4,500 cases annually, which is similar to the production of the previous owner. The Discharger will crush up to 30 tons of grapes this year

and all subsequent years, and estimates that 24,000 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced annually.

Wastewater generated from winery process is collected in a 4,350-gallon aboveground storage tank, and then transported to the 18-acre vineyard for land application.

Approximately four tons of residual solids (grape stems, seeds, and skins) will be produced annually. Solids are spread immediately into the vineyard with an agriculture spreader pulled by a tractor during each day of harvest.

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 not described in the RWD is prohibited. If the volume or 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 submit a letter stating your intent to continue the discharge pursuant to a renewed waiver, which is scheduled for adoption by the Central Valley Water Board in February 2015. Following adoption of the renewed waiver, the Executive Officer will issue an updated NOA that will be effective until five years after the date the renewed waiver is adopted.

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Mary Boyd is your new point of contact for any questions about the Order. In addition, all monitoring and technical reports should be submitted to Ms. Boyd. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Mary will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Mary at (916) 464-4676 or at mboyd@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original signed by Andrew Altevogt for

PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosure (Discharger Only): Order No. R5-2009-0097

cc w/o enc: Mike Israel, Amador County Environmental Health, Jackson