
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

***WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS,
WINERIES, AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS
WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
ORDER R5-2015-0005-0019
ANN AINSELY THOMAS, LLC., AMADOR FOOTHILL WINERY, AMADOR COUNTY***

On 5 February 2015, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors within the Central Valley Region*, Order R5-2015-0005 (the Waiver).

We are in receipt of your letter dated 1 May 2015, which stated that the previous Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) dated 9 September 2014 correctly describes your proposed operations and land application of waste and that you intend to comply with the Tier 2 conditions of the Waiver.

Based on the information provided in the previous RWD, we have determined that the discharge meets the required conditions for approval under the Waiver. You are hereby assigned Order R5-2015-0005-0019. A copy of the Waiver is enclosed and also available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/#waivers

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Waiver, including the Conditions of Discharge (Waiver Attachment A) and Monitoring and Reporting Program (Waiver Attachment B). Winery waste must be managed and discharged in accordance with the requirements contained in the Conditions of Discharge and with the information submitted in the previous RWD.

DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

Amador Foothill Winery (the winery) is located at 12500 Steiner Road, Plymouth in Amador County. The winery is owned and operated by Ann Ainsely Thomas LLC. Tier 2 allows land application of up to 100,000 gallons of wastewater per year for irrigation of landscaping or crops and land application of residual solids (pomace and lees) associated with that volume of wastewater. Any process wastewater or residual solids generated in excess of those amounts

must be disposed of off-site at an appropriately permitted facility. If you wish to land apply more wastewater or residual solids, you must submit a new application and to obtain coverage under Tier 3 of the Waiver prior to increasing the discharge volume.

The Discharger will crush up to 30 tons of grapes each year, 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

Attachment B of the Waiver 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, which is also contained in Attachment B of the Waiver.

By **February 1 of each year**, the Annual Monitoring Report must be submitted to our office, even if there is no discharge during the reporting year. The 2015 Annual Monitoring Report is due by **1 February 2016**.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Waiver includes specific and general conditions with which you must comply and you must maintain control over the discharge and operate in accordance with the information provided in your RWD and this Notice of Applicability.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the facility name, location, and details of the proposed discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Waiver 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 RWD, you must submit an updated RWD to describe the new operation. Please note that the Waiver will expire on **5 February 2020**, after which you must do one of the following:

1. Submit a new RWD with a filing fee to obtain coverage under a subsequently adopted waiver,
2. Submit a RWD with a filing fee to apply for individual or general Waste Discharge Requirements, or
3. Cease the discharge.

DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: Amador Foothill Winery, Amador County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2015-0005-0019	CIWQS Place ID: 205399

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
ECM Mailroom
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the Notice of Applicability 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 Waiver. 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.

Andrew Altwater
For PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order R5-2015-0005

cc: Mike Israel, Amador County Environmental Health, Jackson