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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106, EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT CAMANANCE HILL HUNTING PRESERVE, AMADOR COUNTY**

Regional Board staff has reviewed your 15 June 2005 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. Additional information was received on 30 November 2005 and 23 January 2006. The RWD included a filing fee of \$872. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed), adopted by the Regional Board on 11 July 2003 is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the projected volume of wastewater to be produced.

#### Discharge Description

Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve operates a hunting club on land owned by the East Bay Municipal Utility District. The hunt club is located along the north shore of Lake Camanche at 2951 Curran Road, Amador County. The site includes a hunting preserve (approximately 1,500 acres), a building used to clean and process birds, and an 8,000 gallon underground storage tank used to store wastewater generated from bird cleaning and processing operations. Hunting season at the preserve runs from mid October through mid March of each year, six days a week.

Bird cleaning and processing operations consist of (1) immersing bird carcasses in hot water tanks to soften skins prior to plucking, (2) removing feathers in plucking machines, (3) gutting and cleaning carcasses, and (4) washing carcasses for a final rinse. All waste generated from steps two and three (i.e., de-feathering and removing blood and guts) are placed in garbage cans and taken off site for disposal at a landfill. Wastewater from the hot water tanks and final bird cleaning rinse are discharged into a conveyance system that transports it to the 8,000-gallon underground storage tank for storage.

The RWD indicates that approximately 29,950 birds were cleaned and processed at the preserve during the 2004/2005 hunting season. The Discharger estimates that approximately three quarters of a gallon of water is used to clean and process each bird during the final rinse process, and an additional 120 gallons

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per day of wastewater is generated from the feather softening hot water tanks. The Discharger estimates that it generates approximately 36,850 gallons of wastewater annually.

Prior to the 2005/2006 bird hunting season, wastewater generated from the final bird cleaning rinse and hot water tanks operations was discharged into the domestic wastewater septic tank leachfield system located at the preserve. The RWD states that the Discharger has installed an 8,000 gallon underground storage tank to store wastewater generated from the bird cleaning operations, and will haul wastewater offsite for disposal to either the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) or EBMUD's Camanche South Shore Recreation Area WWTP, on an as needed basis. The wastewater storage tank is equipped with an audio/visual alarm that will alert hunt club staff when the storage tank approaches 90 percent capacity.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of wastewater produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual monitoring report that contains the information described in Items No. 3 and 6 of the monitoring and reporting program must be submitted by **1 February** of each year.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the method of wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with a filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 464-4689.

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