

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Prosecution Team Evidence
In the matter of
Cease and Desist Order R3-2016-0015
Exhibit 23

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Subject: Re: In the Matter of Centrally Grown, Inc. and Dave Robertson Tentative CDO

Nick,

Thank you for the follow up and communication on the 2 corporations. As we spoke of live on the phone I can respond on behalf of the corporation, not me personally or as an investor.

- The site and property is now closed down as authorities are investigating claims of fraud/theft of some employees running the operations. This little brand wanted to pave the way for sustainability, local jobs, local water, education.
- The ethos of the brand is to work on public private partnerships to help small and large government agencies achieve their goals most effectively.
- It is great to have an agency for environmental concern for local water systems...and again we are here to help you..help us.
- How can the agency help with all the great resources and grants for corporations and is there help to walk us thru the process to assure both environmental firms (Centrally Grown & Water Boards) agree on a great outcome?
- It seems there used to be a sewer system that ran to the site from CCSD and wondering if you knew why that was terminated, or not available as the corporation pays all its fees and taxes to have that priviledge?

- Apparently the County of SLO was having issues with the designer of the sewage system and having issues elsewhere with bad designs/implementation. This was the same vendor we used and this has caused the corporation great hardship.
- As we discussed there was a total transition of staff and lots of re-org even to push pause on all operations (see first bullet above).
- When we spoke you had lots of questions about ownership structure, investors and beyond. As I said this was 1 corporation and if there was a point of contact that was person x and now person y there should be the legal right to change much like your agency does. As I mentioned when we spoke I am not paid by either Corporation and wanted to be removed from the application.
- Government agencies tend to have a practice of having general and vague forms that can be a challenge for admin staff to know how to fill out.
- Example:
- If it asks for owner name as an example the proper answer you know as a lawyer would be the corporation. If the form was well crafted it would say if a corporation or LLC then pls don't put the owner name-because there is not such thing as you know. We know if Exxon , or Diablo Canyon filled it out it would not be a shareholder/investor in the stock.

Please let us know how you can help us with this issue.

The corporation fully realizes the benefit of a broad information grab on applications it is very common. Helps the long reach of culpability since there is not a downside and easier and quicker to exert broad authority.

For the same reason you mentioned it was not that easy to amend the name of the “application” it seems 2 legal entities are now listed. But my name was not removed, perhaps we are mistaken as this seems inconsistent since one was added, but 1 was hard to remove?

Given the above, the company does not feel there was adequate notice to respond as the team was diluted and confused by the processes a tad.

A reminder that great entities & non profits who bring great intentions and jobs to an environment..are part of the eco system.

We are empathic that great rules are tough to write on the best day. We understand your agency has been pretty flexible early in the process with a new company trying to understand very complex systems designed by others and approved by govt agencies.

As we mentioned when we spoke it is always a great idea for agencies that want to help,or have jurisdiction to send a welcome packet to land owners, free hotlines etc. Department of Motor Vehicles does a commendable job in this area. We sign up, take tests, get priveledges and must know lots of rules and they even post signs to announce/remind about the law.

Since the core issue is potential danger to ground water we remind all on the email: We are next to the ocean in a very rural community in one of the least dense populations in California & the place is closed down.

To that point we request negative calculations for down time to mitigate our legal rights to treat and dispense water. Please let us know how going from x million gallons of use to less than 1% of that calculates into the environmental impact spreadsheet from your department. Investors and the Board of Directors would really like to understand the algorithms used.

We understand your agency also monitors and regulates agriculture lands. Can you let us know where the environmental impact calculations reside in writing,or online? Since we stand for permaculture and biodynamic processes and healthy growing it would help us know how to be effective in this state as we lead symposiums/think tanks as part of our mission to educate.

1. For commercial farms who use non organic chemicals that would kill if ingested but sprayed on mono crop. How is this calculated into the water table?

What kind of water treatment plant do they need for their farm as this is obviously this chemical can't touch the soil ,or crops?

2. What stage treatment is the sewage treatment in Oceanic waters of Southern California . We are told these plants that openly dump waste in massive quantities and are told it brings life to the sea...presumably well permitted and controlled.
3. In the great county of SLO there are lots of ranches with lots of animals that run on the open soil. What calculations are given to cattle ranches, inland, along the ocean, or creeks and how is their untreated effluent handled/regulated?
4. Lots of organic farmers use Coyote Urea to protect their crops. While this is a natural solution are the farmers regulated on the amount of usage? If so please send any tables that compare coyote urea to human urea? This would be helpful to know the impact to the water tables and know this would be helpful if the group feels the need for a hearing.

We know everyone is busy and thank you reading the email. Just trying to do the right thing with the resources available.

Best,

Dave Robertson