

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
Central Valley Region ("Central Valley Water Board")
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

- I. **Project Title:** Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Artois Mill and Ranch
- II. **Project Location:** 5945 County Road 35 in Artois, Glenn County (the "Site").
- III. **Project Description:** The Central Valley Water Board has prescribed waste discharge requirements (WDRs) that will allow California Olive Ranch, Inc. to discharge wastewater from its processing operations to a 350-acre olive orchard land application area. The discharge was previously regulated under a general order.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Water Board

Date of Public Agency Action: June 8, 2012

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Olive Ranch, Inc.

Exempt Status (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268.)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a).)
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c).)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number below.
- Statutory Exemption. State code number below.
- No possibility of Significant Effect (Sec. 15061(b)(3).)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the project is exempt from the application of the California Environmental Quality Act because issuance of the Waste Discharge Requirements falls under the exemption contained in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, which exempts the "operation, repair, maintenance, [and] permitting ... of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features" from environmental review. The discharge from the Site is considered the lowest threat and complexity, the irrigation features are already installed and in use, and the issuance of the WDRs and associated monitoring program will ensure the continued protection of groundwater.

Evidence to support the above rationale is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR:

