

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research-State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: Department of Toxic Substances Control P.O. Box 806 Sacramento, CA 95812-0806
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Project Title: Variance TWW-2021-LG-00489 to Allow the Generation, Accumulation, and Transport of Treated Wood Waste under Alternate Procedures by Giumarra Vineyards Corp

Project Location: Giumarra Vineyards Ranch #14 2 1/2 Miles of intersection of 7th Standard Rd & Verdugo Rd at house near RR Track, Bakersfield, CA 93312; Giumarra Vineyards Ranch #31 1444 Wheeler Ridge Rd-1/2 miles S of the intersection Wheeler Ridge & Valpredo RD, Arvin, CA 93203; Giumarra Vineyards Ranch #28 1 mile S of Valpredo Rd, 2 miles East of Wheeler Ridge Rd., Arvin, CA 93203; Giumarra Vineyards , Bianco HQ 1/4 Mile N of Intersection of Edison Hwy & Tower Line Dirt Rd, Edison, CA 93320

County: Kern County

Project Applicant: David Aquino, Dir Human Resources, Giumarra Vineyards Corp

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Variance

Statutory/Regulatory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Section 25143; CCR Title 22, Section 66260.210

Project Description: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued a variance to Giumarra Vineyards Corp (CAL000267019, CAL000438107, CAL000267020, CAL000267023) to generate and accumulate treated wood waste on-site. The treated wood waste is generated as a result of old grape stakes that are being being removed as part of our plan for removing and replacing older table grape vineyards that are no economically feasible to continue growing. The variance allows treated wood waste to be managed under procedures different from, but equally protective to human health and the environment to, the provisions of California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Articles 6, 6.5 and 9 of Chapter 6.5 and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, and/or 20. Under the terms and conditions of Variance TWW-2021-LG-00489, Giumarra Vineyards Corp will ensure the treated wood waste will be appropriately managed.

Background: Treated wood waste is a fully regulated California-only hazardous waste because it exhibits the hazardous waste characteristic of toxicity. From 2007 to December 31, 2020, treated wood waste was managed under alternative management standards, established in 22 CCR 67386. The legislation that authorized the alternative management standards for treated wood waste expired on December 31, 2020.

Giumarra Vineyards Corp is a table grape grower, packer and shipper.

Project Activities: Under the variance, the authorized large quantity generator may generate and accumulate treated wood waste on-site. Accumulation of treated wood waste includes taking appropriate precautions to prevent unauthorized access to and prevent leaching to the environment of the treated wood waste. No transportation activities are authorized as a part of this variance. The variance will expire on November 17, 2021 with possibility of extension for an additional six months.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Giumarra Vineyards Corp

Exempt Status: Existing Facilities [CCR Title 14, Sec. 15301]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: All analysis conducted included the potential extension of the variance for an additional six months. DTSC has determined none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and 14 CCR Section 15300.2. This project consists of the accumulation and storage of the treated wood waste is consistent with the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structure, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
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Approver's Signature:

Robert Irving

Date:

May 26, 2021

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