



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a New & Existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and Aquatic Animal Production facility, permit number NV0023027 from the following applicant:

ROCKVIEW FARMS, INC.
7011 STEWART AND GRAY ROAD
DOWNEY, CA - 902414347

Permit NV0023027, PONDEROSA DAIRIES 1, 2, AND 3:

The Permittee has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal - NV0023027, to continue to discharge dairy manure and process wastewater to groundwater and surface waters of the State from the Ponderosa Dairies (Ponderosa). Ponderosa has been in operation since 1993. This permit was first issued in June 2000. Ponderosa Dairy is located at G Ranch and Mecca Roads in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada 89020. With over 9,000 cows, the facility is defined as a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO). As a CAFO, the facility is required to contain all manure and process wastewater from the production area except overflow resulting from a storm greater than the 25-year, 24-hour event. The land application of manure and process wastewater must be in compliance with a Division approved Nutrient Management Plan. The receiving waters are groundwater via percolation of irrigation flows and the Amargosa River via stormwater overflow.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NV0023027 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 06/23/2014, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Michele Reid, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9434 or at mreid@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile

number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.