



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Public Hearing by the State of Nevada

May 16, 2007

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that a public hearing regarding the proposed re-issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit NV0023027 for a concentrated animal feeding operation, the Ponderosa Dairy, has been scheduled for 6:00 P.M. June 12, 2007 at the Amargosa Valley Multipurpose Building, 821 E. Amargosa Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, Nevada.

Public notice for the draft permit was given February 9, 2007 in the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Pahrump Valley Times. The Administrator has determined that there is sufficient public interest in this draft permit to warrant a public hearing.

The Applicant for the renewal of NPDES Permit NV0023027 is:

Rockview Farms, Inc.
7011 Stewart and Gray Road
Downey, CA 90241-4347

The Applicant proposes to continue to operate Ponderosa Dairy, located at G Ranch and Mecca Roads in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada 89020 with discharge to waters of the State. The proposed permit will increase the permitted flow from 0.625 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.000 MGD. 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.

Members of the public wishing to comment upon the proposed permit and/or to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit are invited to attend the meeting and provide comments and information that are pertinent to the NPDES Permit. Comments not related to water quality issues cannot be considered. The Division may set a five-minute time limit for oral statements based on the number of people in attendance who would

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like to comment. Comments should also be submitted in writing to be fully addressed in the Notice of Decision. Comments and information may be submitted by interested persons through the close of the hearing.

Comments and information submitted to the Division, other than those to be presented at the hearing, must be received by 5:00 P.M. June 13, 2007, at the following address:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

All comments and information received in writing during the public hearing will be considered in the final determination regarding this draft permit.

The application and all documents subsequent thereto are on file at the Division's office in Carson City and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 239.010 and NRS 445A.665. For additional information please contact Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423, or at bholmgre@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>.

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