

July 11, 2012

Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Director
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)
11020 Sun Center Drive, No. 200
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**Re: Response to Brenda Cedarblade Comments on Draft Cease and Desist Order
Clark Pacific and Clark Structural, LLC**

Dear Ms. Creedon:

I live at 40891 County Road 18C in Woodland, CA. My home is south of the Historic Nelson Ranch (HNR) property and the property owned by Clark Structural, LLC. I have lived in this home for over 30 years and my family has owned it for over 50. I remember when the Spreckels sugar factory operated in this area, up to the year 2000. Since Spreckels closed, I have been pleased and impressed with the rate of removal of lime chalk from the former Spreckels property.

Since Clark Pacific took over in 2008, the lime removal operation has been conducted in a professional manner. I am not bothered by any lime dust from the Clark Structural property. I have read the comments that Brenda Cedarblade submitted to you in her letter to the CVRWQCB dated June 25, 2012. I completely disagree with the assertions that Ms. Cedarblade made in that letter.

I am very familiar with the agricultural dust that occurs naturally during windy days. The wind almost always blows from the south or north. Wind usually does not blow from the west, and I have not seen dust blowing from the lime piles on the Clark Structural property onto the HNR property. I think the dust that Ms. Cedarblade complains about comes from the open fields that surround her property. I also think that a lot of the problems that Ms. Cedarblade has experienced come from her own horses and the mess they create.

I have not experienced any of the problems with dust that Ms. Cedarblade described in her letter. In my opinion, the lime does not create a nuisance. I have not had any of the health problems or experienced any of the inconveniences that Ms. Cedarblade attributes to the lime chalk dust from Clark Pacific. I feel that Clark Pacific has been a very good neighbor to us and

has been very proactive about cleaning up the enormous amount of lime chalk left over from Spreckels. Spence Trucking has also done a very good job controlling dust.

The opinions expressed in this letter are my own, and if called upon to testify to these facts and opinions I could testify competently to all of them. I have not received money or anything of value in exchange for signing this letter. I sign this letter freely and under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California in Woodland, CA.

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