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Emergency Mortality Disposal Advisory

Supplemental Advisory #3: Tuesday March 3, 2020

Baker and Darling Rendering Facilities Loss of Service

The following information has been provided from a variety of agencies including CDFA, RB-5, various county agricultural commissioners and divisions of environmental health and the rendering companies. It represents our best understanding of current requirements, but these may change without notice.

Last week, in separate, unrelated incidents, Baker Commodities and Darling International informed CDFA that due to equipment problems they were both temporarily suspending service. Darling completed repairs and resumed service Tuesday, March 3rd. Baker anticipates resuming service Thursday March 5th. Even after normal service resumes however, neither company will collect older, decomposed carcasses. What follows are options to deal with uncollected carcasses in the counties most affected by the loss of service.

Fresno, Tulare and Kings Counties

1. Producers in these counties may directly transport the carcasses to an alternative rendering facility, if one can be located which will accept them. See the table at bottom.
2. Producers may directly transport the carcasses to a landfill if one can be located which will accept them. An interactive map listing local landfills and their animal disposal permits is [available on-line](#). Disposal in landfills should take place by March 30th at which time CDFA emergency quarantine notice expires.
3. Producers in these counties may also temporarily store mortalities in compost piles for later removal to a permitted landfill. The Regional Water Board's requirements for using temporary compost storage piles are outlined in Monday's [disposal advisory](#).

Merced County

Merced County is requiring carcass disposal at the Billy Wright Disposal Site at 17173 S Billy Wright Road, Los Banos, CA 95348 (209-826-1163) and the Highway 59 Landfill at 7040 Highway 59 Merced, CA 95348 (209-723-4481 x 210). Call prior to delivery, which should be made before 2:30 P.M. Tipping fees are \$128/ton. Proof of residence is required; cattle from outside Merced County are not accepted.

Kern County

Kern County is requiring carcass disposal at the Bena Landfill at 2951 Neumarkel Road, Edison, CA 93220. Prior to transport producers should contact the site engineer Terence Dozier at 661-809-4456 to arrange a time for delivery, preferably between 6 and 8 am. Coordination is required to ensure equipment is available at the correct receiving site. Tipping fees are \$70 ton. Proof of residence is required; cattle from outside Kern County will not be accepted.

Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County is requiring carcass disposal at the Fink Landfill at 4000 Fink Road, Crows Landing CA 95313. Prior to transport producers should contact the site engineer Craig Cissell at 209-837-4800 or 209-837-4816 to arrange a time for delivery. Coordination is required to ensure carcasses can be buried immediately upon delivery. Special handling tipping fees are \$110/ton. Proof of residence is required; cattle from outside Stanislaus County will not be accepted.

Madera County

Madera County is requiring carcass disposal at the Fairmead Land Fill, 21739 Road 19 Chowchilla CA 93610. Prior to transport producers should contact the site engineer Drake Montgomery at 559-665-7300

to arrange a time for delivery. Coordination is required to ensure equipment is available at the correct receiving site. As a “special” waste the tipping fees are \$150/ton.

San Joaquin County

San Joaquin County is requiring carcass disposal at Foothill Landfill at 6484 N. Waverly Road, Linden, CA 95236. Prior to transport, producers should contact Solid Waste Program Coordinator, Robert McClellon at (209) 468-0332 or (209) 639-1496 to coordinate with the landfill. Coordination is required to ensure equipment is available at the correct receiving site. Tipping fees are \$39.66/ton. Proof of residence is required; cattle from outside San Joaquin County will not be accepted.

Burial on the farm?

Producers in any Central Valley county may **NOT** permanently bury mortalities on farm unless they obtain a permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Such a permit includes a copy of the county's emergency declaration, an annotated map, photographs and management plan for the site. The current fee for such a permit is approximately \$4,000 dollars.

Records

RB5 requires that producers record the final disposition of each carcass not sent to rendering. This will help protect producers from regulatory confusion and potential fines. RB5 requires records be maintained for five years. CDFA also recommends record retention for one year.

Carcass Transportation

Some producers wanting to transport carcasses to either an alternative rendering facility or a permitted landfill may not have suitable equipment. CDFA has provided a current list of licensed dead haulers. While we can't endorse any particular company, contact information for several dead haulers with dairy clients appears in the table below.

Partial list of dead haulers with dairy clients.*

Company / Contact	Phone	Region
Dairyman Hide Company Eric Tatham	559-994-3226	Based out of Madera, carcasses are transported to Sacramento Rendering. Producers can drop off carcasses at his collection center for half the price.
Sisk Tallow Manuel Cunha	209-667-1451	Based out of Turlock, transported to Sacramento Rendering. Drop-off facilities in Turlock and Oakdale
Branco Cattle Joe Branco	209-777-4695	Based out of Merced could probably serve impacted Baker clients Madera in as well.
Moniz Tallow Company Maurice Moniz	209-259-9134 209-595-9084	Based out of Hilmar, serving Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Merced. Carcasses transported to Darling Inc. No drop off.
RT Deceased Animal Transport Richard Toland	661-301-2477	Based out of Bakersfield, usually does horses but is equipped to pick up multiple cow carcasses. No drop off.
Stiles Animal Removal Stephen Stiles	909-390-9828	Based out of Ontario. No longer serving Kern County. Transported to Darling.

* CDQAP is providing this information for use by producers does not represent a recommendation or endorsement of any particular company. Companies usually request notice in advance of drop-offs. Drop off at collection center may be half the price of pick up on dairy, say \$75 vs \$150 /cow. There may be additional charges for carcasses with more advanced decomposition.

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